



Maryland Green Registry MEMBER

The Maryland Green Registry promotes and recognizes sustainable practices at organizations of all types and sizes. Members agree to share at least five environmental practices and one measurable result while striving to continually improve their environmental performance.

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Animal Sanctuary/Rescue

Member since March 2017

Management and Leadership

Environmental Policy Statement

See our policy statement at <http://hotesanctuaryandrescue.com/hote-green-team>

Environmental Team

Our HOTE Green Team is currently made up of 5 members and growing. One of whom is employed at the Maryland Center for Environmental Science Appalachian Laboratory in Frostburg and has an MS in Environmental Biology and BS in Biology. We meet once every three months in person or as needed; however we have a message board dedicated to this mission. We brought in our environmental guru to identify hazards, such as litter and cleaning supplies that have a negative impact on the environment and immediately started making changes. It is also healthier for the animals in our care.

Annual Environmental Goals

- *To continue to not use clay and litter with chemicals in it by recycling pine, corn cob, paper and cedar. Our continued goal is to use no litter with clay or chemicals.*
- *To continue to reduce the use of toxic cleaning supplies by 90%.*
- *To keep reducing our trash output by 90% by the end of 2018 by recycling.*
- *To reuse rain water for gardening non edible plants.*
- *To reduce energy and water usage by 25% for 2018*

Environmental Restoration or Community Environmental Projects

- *We are allowing indigenous plants to grow naturally on the property with some manicuring.*

Waste

Solid Waste Reduction and Reuse

- *We are using recycled newspaper and pine for litter.*
- *We stopped using paper towels for cleaning and use rags.*
- *We continuing to not use store bought pee pads to using discarded newspapers for crate liners, etc. This saves us close to \$100.00 a month and also has cut down our trash output by about 4 bags a month.*
- *Our front door was salvaged from the old Memorial Hospital in Cumberland as it was being torn down.*
- *We have 3 interior doors and stainless steel sink from the Autopsy room that were salvaged from the old Memorial Hospital in Cumberland,.*
- *We salvaged 2 discarded gates from the City of Cumberland.*
- *We have salvaged discarded bushes and grass that have been mulched and are reusing that as ground cover in wet/muddy areas.*
- *We are using compost to naturally heat the greenhouse.*

Recycling

We are currently recycling paper, plastic, glass and aluminum. We use some of the paper in the kitty litter. Since starting this practice, we have less trash to put out, which is less trash that goes to the land fill. It is reduced by about 5 bags per month.

Composting

We started composting food scraps (both people food and animal food) this year. We will be naturally heating the greenhouse with compost. The vegetables we grow will be fed to the animals and the people caring for them. Then scrap will then be used for the compost.

Hazardous Waste/Toxic Use Reduction

We switched from standard cleaning supplies to non toxic. We are using white vinegar for regular cleaning and raw vinegar for the heavy cleaning.

Energy

Energy Efficiency

We are using LED lights where possible. We have light sensitive motion detector LED lights set up around the house for night use. We keep the air/heat at 74 degrees at all times. Results will be compared to the current bill at the end of Dec 2018.

Water

Water Conservation

We use run off water for cleaning and watering plants.

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