



## 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.

# United Way of Central Maryland

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Nonprofit Organization

Member since January 2010

## Management and Leadership



### **Environmental Team**

*We have a "Green Team" which comprises eight cross-functional staff persons. We meet a minimum of quarterly, and constantly try to find additional ways to conserve resources and communicate to staff.*



### **Annual Environmental Goals**

*In our meetings, we review our progress against other best practices, and attempt to come up with new goals. If we feel we are currently performing best practices, we shift our goals to communication to staff concerning what they can do individually and at home.*



### **Environmentally Preferable Purchasing**

*In our purchasing, all things being equal, preference is given to environmentally responsible vendors. This applies to print vendors, paper (we purchase Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified papers), copy and fax machines, computers, and small office equipment. We recently purchased a printer with a high environmental rating, and the decision was largely based on that consideration.*



### **Environmentally Preferable Products and Services**

*We offer the option of electronic pledging rather than using a paper pledge form.*

**Environmental Restoration or Community Environmental Projects**

*Sometimes as part of our sponsored "Days of Caring" we are involved in clean up of local communities and natural environments. Since we are a nonprofit, part of our mission is the improvement of life for the local community, which includes a clean environment*

**Waste**

**Solid Waste Reduction**

*By using electronic pledge forms rather than paper, we have reduced the volume of our printed material by at least 5,000 pounds yearly. We also limit the overall volume of printed information.*

**Recycling**

*Paper (All office paper and cardboard)  
Batteries  
Lightbulbs  
Computers  
Cartridges  
Light bulbs*

**Energy**

**Energy Efficiency**

*We have switched all our lightbulbs to CFLs and use motion-detecting lighting. We have single-use coffee machines rather than coffee makers that continuously heat the coffee.*

**Transportation**

**Efficient Business Travel**

*Teleconferencing is used whenever feasible. We actively encourage ridesharing to external meetings, and try to reduce the instances where travel is necessary. In general, we have reduced our overall travel budget.*

**Fleet Vehicles**

*We have donated our vans (we used to have two of them) thereby eliminating fuel consumption.*

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**Maryland**

*Help build a greener, more sustainable Maryland through voluntary practices that reduce environmental impacts and save money.*

*Learn more at [www.green.maryland.gov/registry](http://www.green.maryland.gov/registry)*

