



Maryland Green Registry MEMBER

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Interior Design Studio and Home Decor Shop (DOMAIN)

Member since January 2019

Management and Leadership



Environmental Policy Statement

Good design is sustainable design and Laura Hodges Studio makes a commitment to our clients, our community and our environment to be eco-conscious in our design practices. This includes everything from sourcing fair trade and renewable resources to donating unwanted furnishings and recycling demolition materials. We make design decisions and selections that encourage the sustainability of our planet's resources and responsible vendors, manufacturers, products and services are always given priority when the quality and design are to our standards. We are committed to helping those less fortunate so we work with local charities such as the Catonsville Women's Giving Circle, Marian House and Second Chance, and can also coordinate the donation your unwanted household goods and furnishings.



Environmentally Preferable Products and Services

Laura Hodges Studio sources products for our projects that are primarily made by members of the Sustainable Furnishings Council with an emphasis on wood products that are FSC certified, textiles that are organic and materials that are recycled and reused. Products sold at our home décor shop, DOMAIN, are primarily Fair Trade Certified and sourced from makers and wholesale vendors local to Maryland, DC and Virginia. Many of our makers use recycled and reused materials such a earrings made from leftover leather scraps from upholstery and handbags, found shells and seaglass and necklaces made from recycled bullet

casings. Products from the shop are packaged using reused packaging materials like bubblewrap and tissue paper.

Waste

Solid Waste Reduction and Reuse

- *Laura Hodges Studio has stainless steel flatware and ceramic serveware for employee use to eliminate disposable plastic cups, paper plates, & disposable cutlery and packaging.*
- *Cardboard shipping boxes are reused for future shipping and for internal storage.*
- *Packaging from shipments we receive including bubblewrap, plastic wrapping, tissue paper, padded wrapping and biodegradable peanuts are reused to protect purchases being sold from our store, DOMAIN, to our customers and clients.*
- *Packaging received while shopping for home accessories and small items for out client from retail stores is kept and reused for storing these items, transporting them to client's homes and for protecting items sold in our store.*
- *Our printer settings are defaulted to double-sided printing and we only print when necessary for client meetings and billing.*
- *We prioritize digital archiving to cut down excess printing and waste.*
- *Two one-gallon water bottles are stored in the refrigerator and refilled with filtered each day instead of purchasing new water bottles.*

Recycling

Our office recycles weekly with a pick up by Republic of all paper, cardboard, glass, plastic and metal. Our recycling estimates for are: 90% of Paper, 100% of glass, 100% of recyclable plastic, 100% of metal waste.

Energy

Energy Efficiency

- *All track, ceiling panel and under cabinet lighting in the shop and in the studio is LED.*
- *All lights are turned off when employees are not using a specific space or room and at the end of each work day.*
- *Programmable thermostats are set to standard temperatures during office use only and lowered when the office is closed.*
- *Shades and curtains are used to retain heat in the winter months and block excess heat from the sun in warmer months.*

- *Energy conservation measures have been set for all printers and copiers and are encouraged on employee laptops.*

Transportation

Efficient Business Travel

At Laura Hodges Studio, we try to always carpool to client meetings, site visits and for product sourcing/shopping trips. On average, miles driven for one week are 100 miles/week so, with two people per car instead of one, that is a 100/mile reduction per week or nearly 5,200 miles annually.

Water

Water Conservation

- *The toilet in the single powder room is a water-conserving dual-flush .8/1.6 gpf.*

Environmental Certification Programs, Awards, and Other Activities

- Laura Hodges, the firm's owner and principal designer, is a LEED AP and GREEN AP and Laura Hodges Studio is a member of the Sustainable Furnishings Council (SFC).*



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