



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.

Refill Goodness



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Eco-friendly market and refill shop
Member since September 2021

Management and Leadership



Environmental Policy Statement

Refill Goodness is committed to reducing our own and our customers impact on the environment. Our products themselves make a huge impact on the environment, but we have also built strong internal practices to ensure we live our word. As we expand, we commit to initiate additional projects and activities that will further reduce our impacts on the environment. Our commitment to the environment extends to our customers, our staff, and the community in which we operate.

We are committed to:

- 1. Comply with all applicable environmental regulations;*
- 2. Prevent pollution whenever possible - we also orchestrate clean-ups and work with our local communities to join existing efforts when possible;*
- 3. Our staff is committed to our environmental program and we empower them to contribute and participate; and*
- 4. Our mission and values showcase our environmental commitment and efforts to our customers, staff, and our community.*

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Date: 9/1/2021

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Environmental Team

Our environmental team consists of four members and meets on a weekly basis.

Environmentally Preferable Products and Services

We built Refill Goodness to address our concerns for the environment especially in our homes and the watersheds we care so deeply for. We recognize that we can help small businesses and consumers by offering an alternative way to buy household and body care products that reduce waste and are sourced from local makers and suppliers to reduce our carbon footprint.

Environmentally Preferable Purchasing

We are very specific about where we source from to mitigate fuel consumption. To manage this, we source exclusively from Maryland makers when possible. If we must source outside of Maryland, we focus on the surrounding states. This ensures minimal fuel consumption for the products we sell. We also source in bulk and opt for unpackaged goods when possible or compostable packaging if not.

Environmental Restoration and Community Environmental Projects

Refill Goodness is committed to supporting our communities in 2021. We have sponsored the following activities:

- 1. Upcycled Fundraiser for #2 (High Density Polyethylene) and #5 (Polypropylene) plastic reduction and repurposing*
- 2. Good Neighbors Group Blood Drive Sponsorships (2 events YTD)*
- 3. [Plastic Free QAC](#) Clean-Up sponsorship and content for social media education campaign*
- 4. Blog Support for [Annapolis Green](#) education platform on single use plastic reduction*
- 5. Partnership with Kent Island Beach Clean Ups*
- 6. National Night Out Education platform (provided reusable lunch boxes and bags for children)*
- 7. Participation in the Green Life Festival held in Solomons, Maryland to educate community on sustainable practices*

Waste

Solid Waste Reduction and Reuse

As mentioned above, we order products in bulk, unpackaged or compostable packaging when possible. This saves us 30 - 50 cents per piece on hard goods and reduces approximately 22 single use plastic containers per order when ordering laundry, dish and hand soap.

Recycling

In 2021, we have delivered 50 pounds of plastic types #2 and #5 to local facilities for up-cycling activities. Additionally, we have partnered with [Danielle Cares for Chairs](#) and have collected approximately 2,000 bread tags to donate to their program for recycling at plants that accept #6 plastic. We practice and educate on recycling practices through our social media page and follow the prescribed guidelines in Maryland to get as much material to the recycling center as possible.

Composting

We collect all vegetable, fruit, coffee grounds and acceptable paper waste for composting at our co-founder's open-air compost in Pasadena, MD.

Hazardous Waste/Toxic Use Reduction

We use our chemical and toxic free products in our shop, which has resulted in the reduction of 2 gallons of chemical-based soaps and cleaners over 2021.

Energy

Energy Efficiency

When we selected a location for our first retail shop, the location and building were very important. After searching throughout the state - we settled on a space in the Chesapeake Village Center, in Stevensville, MD. We chose this location because it represents Maryland's first Emerald certified building under the [National Green Building Standard](#). Our location in the Chesapeake Village Center is 975 square feet and uses approximately 214 kilowatt hours (kWh) during the month, compared to a standard building which in Maryland averages 1,005 kWh per month. This represents a \$90 cost savings per month.

Transportation

Employee Commute/Customer Travel

We are a geographically distributed team, so the majority of our time together is spent via Zoom and telephone. We use Google for Business to share documents and calendars effectively and we carpool to events and off site locations. We offer delivery, and in order to be efficient with our travel, we schedule deliveries on specific days to deliver in one particular area.

Efficient Fleet Vehicles

This is a work in progress for us and we are looking at grants to invest in two hybrid or electric vehicles for our fleet. They will replace existing owner vehicles for delivery and events.



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