

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.

FullFillery



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Retail
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Management and Leadership

Environmentally Preferable Products and Services

Our FullFillery branded products are made 5 miles from the store. Ingredients for the cleaning products include used vegetable oil that would normally be disposed of in an environmentally harmful manner. This also requires less manufacture of food grade oil. To reduce the impact of essential oil extraction, unscented versions are encouraged through lower prices.

Fabrics used to replace paper or conventional cotton are made using second-hand cloth, reducing the substantial waste involved in textiles. We sell these items without packaging, wrapped in reused packing paper, using loop packaging, or using customers' own containers. Recycling requires substantial energy use for collection and processing, and it does not actually replace much virgin manufacturing. Reusing materials and containers actually reduces waste.

Since we have been open at our store (August 2021 - June 2022), we have sold the following:

- items with no plastic packaging: 8328
- items that are usually packaged in plastic: 4655
- items with <u>no</u> packaging: 5548
- items received at the store without using air mileage: 2888
- items made 5 miles from our store: 2742

Environmental Restoration and Community Environmental Projects

We also hold events to educate and encourage mindfulness about waste. These included a Clothing Swap with talks about sustainability, a Halloween Costume Swap, and a Soccer Shirt/Shoes Exchange.

Environmentally Preferable Purchasing

Besides our own line of zero waste cleaning and body care products, we also purchase wholesale from other makers. We choose these products based on how much they minimize waste in their manufacture, sale, use, and disposal. Purchasing Criteria are: reusable goods to replace common disposable ones; made of renewable material like sisal, hemp, bamboo, stainless steel; non-toxic ingredients; shipped/sold in minimal packaging with completely package-free options. Any packaging or product waste should be compostable, biodegradable, or recyclable.

Waste

Solid Waste Reduction and Reuse

Our chemist collects used vegetable oil from a local commercial kitchen to refine and use in appropriate items. In this way, she prevents oil from entering the wastewater stream. She also uses less new food-grade oil. When she is done with manufacturing our products, only compost and salt water remain.

✓ Recycling

We re-use packing paper and re-use or recycle cardboard boxes.

Transportation

✓ Employee Commute/Customer Travel

Our employee walks to and from the store. One of the partners uses an electric car, and another partner works remotely. The storefront is in the middle of downtown Takoma Park, where customers regularly walk from store to store to restaurant, etc. It is very close to a Metro station, so people can stop in on the way home from work.

Efficient Business Travel

Our meetings are held via teleconferencing or videoconferencing. If our third partner comes into town, she travels by train, commuter rail, and/or subway.



