



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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Member since May 2010

Management and Leadership

Environmental Policy Statement

We live in a world where concern for the environment and sustainable development – minimizing the impact of our consumption of renewable resources – is a necessary and growing consideration for everyone. The opportunities in the dental industry to improve environmental quality through diligent green planning, design, construction, operations, and maintenance practices are significant. Our overall concern for the environment and the health of our employees and patients has been, and will continue to be determining factor in choices of materials, protocols, and technology for our orthodontic practice. We have taken extra steps to re-think every aspect of our business and procedures to ensure that we are a part of the solution, and a leader in the transformation of the dental industry. We are helping set the standard for the “next generation” of dental practices.

Waste

Solid Waste Reduction and Reuse

We encourage the use of reusable glasses, plates, and flatware to eliminate the use of products produce from native sources or petroleum. We converted to electronic records and electronic communication to reduce paper use. All letter correspondence and patient instructions are sent via email rather than printed and given to the patient or placed in direct mail. We have reduced our paper consumption by about 90%.

Recycling

We recycle all plastics and paper products that are not soiled with hazardous waste. We also recycle all cans and bottles.

Energy

Energy Efficiency

We have replaced light bulbs with CFLs. All electronic equipment is plugged into an energy protective power strip to eliminate the loss of phantom energy. All computers are turned off when not in use. Utilize ambient lighting in the office to avoid use of energy wasting high intensity dental lighting.

Also, we are tenants in a building that has installed low flow fixtures in all public restrooms, energy efficient lighting throughout the building, and has recently replaced chillers with high efficiency units.

Transportation

Employee Commute

We encourage employee reduction in transportation fuels for commuting to the office. Currently, we have employees who walk to the office, use metro, and participate in ride sharing when possible.

Water

Water Conservation

Traditional fixtures have been replaced with low flow fixtures. Behaviors of water conservation have been implemented by the staff in their personal use of water in the office. Signs have been posted in patient treatment areas to reduce excessive use of water. For example, the patient tooth brushing sink is monitored to encourage patients to turn off the tap while brushing teeth. This can save up to five gallons of water per day per person.



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