



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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Pet Supplies/Adoptions/Grooming

Member since April 2020

Management and Leadership

Annual Environmental Goals

We want to be 90% plastic free by end of 2020. We have, so far, reduced our plastic use by 50% (see practices below), but we don't have an alternative yet for the plastic bags we use for fish. That is why we can't be 100% plastic free right now.

Environmentally Preferable Products and Services

We use bio-based bags for litter and pet waste pick up, paper bags for crickets and offer only bio-degradable bags and bio-based bags for our customers at check out, reducing the use of 4,000 plastic bags annually. Additionally, we buy gallons of our cleaning solutions and re-use the pump bottles.

Environmentally Preferable Purchasing

When I attend trade shows and/or am approached by a product rep. I look for environmental friendly and committed companies - such as Earth Animal treats and supplements, and Earthborn Dog Food.

Environmental Restoration and Community Environmental Projects

We support Kent Island Beach Clean Ups and Plastic Free QAC both financially and by participating in community events.

Waste

Solid Waste Reduction and Reuse

In addition to purchasing cleaning solutions in bulk and reusing the dispensers, we have purchased metal water bottles for all employees and no longer purchase cases of water bottles for the staff.

We used to buy two 48-count packages of water bottles each month so by purchasing reusable metal bottles, we are saving 1,152 plastic bottles each year.

Energy

Energy Efficiency

All lights inside and security lights outside (including fish lights) have been converted to LED.

Transportation

Employee Commute/Customer Travel

The owner frequently walks/bikes to work (75% of my working time) and when we go on breaks we walk to the plaza next door rather than getting in cars.

Water

Stormwater Management

We have a lot next to our building that was a concave dirt pit that never drained when it rained. We had it filled in with top soil and it is now a level grassy area.



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