



Goodwill Industries International On-Site Sustainability Initiatives

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Goodwill Industries International, headquartered in Rockville, MD, implements eco-friendly practices across six target areas: water conservation, energy efficiency, procurement, waste management and recycling, pollution prevention and training.

The Goodwill Industries International Member Services Center building:

- Offsets 100 percent of its energy use with renewable energy certificates (RECs).
- Utilizes energy efficient overhead lighting and occupancy sensors, reducing energy consumption by more than 58,000 KWH per year and reducing carbon by 41.7 metric tons, which is like avoiding 14 tons of waste going to the landfill (according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) carbon calculator).
- Contains Energy Star-labeled products such as desktop computers and monitors, laptops, copiers, printers and projectors.
- Implements an environmentally preferred purchasing policy prioritizing OfficeMax supplies made from high levels of post-consumer recycled content.
- Uses low-flow toilets, urinals and aerators.
- Reduces energy consumption with automated off-hours temperature controls and shades.
- Promotes responsible recycling, water conservation and energy conservation through the use of building signage.

Notable company offerings and business practices include:

- Monthly staff trainings on going green topics (i.e. sustainable eating and green health).
- A transit benefits program offering \$230 in pre-tax spending per month.
- A water filter system and biodegradable Greenware and Ecotainer cups eliminating plastic bottles.
- AmSan Green Seal-certified hand soap, bathroom and kitchen cleaning products.
- Default double-sided printing on printers and copiers and discouraging printing of documents.
- Engagements with print vendors that are FSC certified and use soy or low-VOC inks.
- Recycling bins at every desk and in common areas.
- Bike racks to encourage staff to take alternate transportation to work.

Goodwill Industries International team members monitor, review and report to the CEO and COO on progress toward objectives outlined in the organization's sustainability policy every six months. The organization currently tracks its energy consumption through the Energy Star Portfolio Manager and has established baseline measurements of monthly water use and waste volume in order to gauge future impact.