



## 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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Recycled toners and office supplies  
Member since May 2016

### Management and Leadership

#### **Environmentally Preferable Products and Services**

*At Cartridge Plus, we pride ourselves on the ability to save thousands of pounds per year on wasted plastic by recycling toner cartridges as well as inkjet cartridges. Once a customer places an order with us, we ship the product out along with a pre-paid call tag that allows the customer to send the empty toner cartridge or inkjet cartridge back to us to be recycled. This process saves money as well as protects the environment from empty plastic being disposed into our landfills. When the product is received back into our facility each cartridge undergoes a vigorous process to be recycled and resold to our customers. We recycle approximately 10,000 empty plastic shells per year which amounts to 40,000 lbs.*

*Cartridge Plus also sells over 10,000 environmentally compliant office products.*

#### **Environmentally Preferable Purchasing**

*All Cartridge Plus employees are required to purchase recycled office supplies when available. We use remanufactured cartridges in our printers and fax machines. All paper purchased for our offices must be at least 80% recycled to help do our part in protecting the environment. All breakroom products are 100% biodegradable made of either wheat or sugar cane.*

## Waste

### **Solid Waste Reduction and Reuse**

*Cartridge Plus buys all office supplies in bulk twice a year to cut down on the amount of packaging we receive in our offices. All boxes once emptied of supplies are either reused to ship out or put in the recycling bin. We use efax for all of our incoming faxes to save on paper as well as toner. All outgoing documents are scanned and sent via email instead of fax. We scan and file documents on our computers and flash drives to reduce the amount of paper and toner used.*

### **Recycling**

*We recycle all paper and toner waste.*

## Energy

### **Energy Efficiency**

*Cartridge Plus has taken many steps to make our offices energy efficient over the last few years. We have replaced over 50 light bulbs and now use all LED lighting which saves on average \$100 per month on electric bills. We also have installed a transformer box which regulates electricity going through the offices saving 25% on energy. We have ceramic ceilings and use ceramic paint, this helps hold in the heat and air so our heating and air conditioning systems have to run less. Cartridge Plus also participates in the BG&E peak rewards program which helps reduce energy demand and protects the environment.*

## Transportation

### **Employee Commute**

*All Cartridge Plus employees work from home using remote access. All company meetings are done weekly online through WebEx. This not only allows our employees to save on commuting time it also reduces the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.*



*Help build a greener, more sustainable Maryland through voluntary practices that reduce environmental impacts and save money.*

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