



Greening Our Operations

Introduction

HD Supply is dedicated to being a responsible corporate citizen in all aspects of our business, both internally and externally. Regarding our commitment to the environment, we have implemented ideallygreensm, a HD Supply enterprise-wide sustainability program. Through ideallygreen, HD Supply helps customers identify product offerings that are energy efficient and environmentally friendly. The program also incorporates a variety of green practices into internal operations across the company.

As a major business for HD Supply, HD Supply Utilities has also implemented ideallygreen. Throughout our branches, we have reviewed our practices to find opportunities for continuing improvement in sustainability. For example:

- Over 60% of our branches have recycling programs for paper, plastic, aluminum and wooden pallets; 50% for scrap cardboard.

- Energy efficient lighting and motion sensors have been installed at major branches.
- More than 50% of our branches use green cleaning products and supply reusable water bottles and coffee mugs.
- We provide education regarding energy efficient and environmentally friendly products to our associates, and communicate green tips and encourage carpooling.
- We have constructed a new facility that incorporates sustainable products and green practices.

In HD Supply Utilities offices and warehouses, our associates are taking every opportunity to green our operations.

Branch Profiles

Portland, OR

Reducing environmental impact

The Portland branch worked with its waste management firm to recycle shrink wrap that protects materials delivered on wooden pallets. This effort greatly reduced the waste generated at this branch, removing plastic from the waste stream.

Portland has also created a paperless warehouse, using radio frequency scanners to track inventory. The warehouse has additionally been re-lamped with high-yield, energy efficient fluorescent lighting.

Benicia, CA

All green cleaning and lower energy usage

Our branch team in Benicia, CA has contracted with JanPro Cleaners for “all-green” cleaning services. JanPro Cleaners uses all environmentally friendly cleaning products, including vacuum cleaners with HEPA filters.

Like many HD Supply Utility branches, Benicia has also implemented paper recycling at every desk and installed energy-efficient lighting with motion sensors throughout the facility—lighting that saves an estimated 1,000 kWh per month.

Corinth, TX

Use of natural light cuts energy usage

HD Supply Utilities' 100,000-square foot warehouse in Corinth has multiple skylights that allow natural light to pour in—enough natural light to enable the facility to turn off its metal halide lamps up to 5 hours a day during much of the year. Even on darker days and in winter, the hours during which interior lighting is required has been greatly reduced.

By donating its used toner cartridges to the “Cartridges for Kids” program, Corinth helps both the environment and the community. The schools receive funds for the cartridges they return for recycling, the cartridges stay out of the landfill, and Corinth fulfills the HD Supply commitment to responsible corporate citizenship.

Richmond, VA

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Our Richmond, VA branch not only recycles cardboard, like many HD Supply Utilities operations it has also begun to recycle wood pallets, returning them to the supplier for re-use or breakdown into other useful materials. The pallet recycling program has cut Richmond's waste disposal costs in half and ensures the wood in these pallets is reused responsibly.

In addition, electric forklifts are replacing propane-powered machines in the warehouse. The new forklifts eliminate dust and exhaust created by propane forklifts, creating a cleaner and healthier work environment for associates.

Atlanta, GA

Installing new lighting brings efficiency

The warehouse has changed out high pressure sodium lights for much more efficient T-8 fluorescent fixtures. Motion sensors are employed in some offices to make lighting operations even more efficient.

Atlanta is also supporting our recycling program. For example, they shred office paper and then use the shredded paper as packing material.

Colborne, ON

Constructing an environmentally friendly facility

In late 2008, HD Supply Utilities unveiled an entirely new Colborne, ON facility that incorporates many sustainable products and responsible practices. From flooring to furniture, the facility features products that do not emit volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and the off-gases that can make air unhealthy. Passive solar construction, featuring glass walls on the south and west, allow natural light to pour in, minimizing the need for artificial lighting and providing additional heat gain in winter. Thanks to landscaping planned with efficiency in mind, deciduous trees provide shade to those walls in summer.

“Demountable” walls enable the facility to configure office spaces quickly and easily, without creating the disruption—and waste—caused by removing and rebuilding traditional walls. Concrete tile floors, topped with unglued carpet tile, provide soft, comfortable surfaces and good acoustics, while eliminating the off-gasses so often created by glued carpeting.

And virtually everything in the facility can be cleaned with just a damp cloth—no chemical cleaners required.
