

Green Matters at Maines

Corporate Practices for a Greener Future.



At Maines, being green is more than a trend; it's a value we've integrated into our corporate identity. It's a value we're putting into action through innovative, eco-conscious programs and initiatives. And it's a value everyone at Maines hopes you share.



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Maines and MaineSource have taken action in making our world a greener place to be!



Choosing to work with an environmentally responsible foodservice vendor – like Maines – is one way you can make a difference in protecting and preserving our planet. On all levels, Maines is making green-minded decisions. On the corporate level, internal company practices, such as energy-conserving initiatives, are being implemented. And Maines continues to seek out green programs, services and products – such as organic produce – that make it simple and cost effective for customers to go green.

We view every Maines customer as a partner in our goal of a better, greener future. We hope you'll join us!



ENERGY-CONSERVING EFFORTS



- Motion-detecting light switches and high-efficiency light bulbs and fixtures have been installed
- Employees are required to turn off all office equipment completely before they leave each day and are educated about “vampires” – appliances and technology using energy when plugged in but not in use
- Maines truck drivers fully shut off their engines at delivery and pick up therefore reducing carbon emissions; and all trucks feature the latest energy-conserving refrigeration systems



REDUCING WASTE AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

- Constantly rerouting delivery trucks to decrease mileage – and therefore harmful greenhouse gasses
- Sensor operated valves that control water flow have been installed in all restrooms
- Maines truck drivers are offered special incentives for lowering their MPG rates
- Using automatic paper towel dispensers for portion control
- Using idle management technology in delivery trucks that help reduce emissions
- Expanding our use of electronic transactions with customers and vendors to reduce paper waste
- Every Maines facility is audited by government agencies and water providers for energy-sapping leaks, drips and other obvious waste



RECYCLING EFFORTS



- Recycling bins for paper, cardboard, plastic and aluminum can be found throughout Maines offices and at MaineSource stores
- Used tires are being sent back to the manufacturer for recycling and safe disposal
- Our staff recycles shrinkwrap and cardboard whenever possible
- All waste oil gathered when changing Maines vehicle oil is recycled which adds up to seven thousand gallons of recycled oil per year
- The on-site truck and equipment wash station utilizes a sand filtration system; over one hundred thousand gallons of water are recycled per year

ECO-FRIENDLY PRODUCTS

- All chemicals being used in Maines warehouses and MaineSource stores are being switched over to the new “green” line which is better for the environment
- Offering many environmentally conscious products such as organic produce, natural meats (pork, beef, chicken and fish), recycled paper products and plasticware, and “green” chemicals
- Many ethical Fair Trade-certified products are available such as coffee, tea, cocoa, sugar, rice and bananas
- Maines offers wild-caught frozen and fresh seafood from fisheries that meet the standards of the Marine Stewardship Council



CREATIVE REUSE

- Selling reusable bags at MaineSource stores
- Used shipping pallets are being reconditioned and reused in the Maines warehouses



- When products are purchased in less than full case quantities, products are delivered in reusable containers which are transferred to customer containers then returned to Maines where they are sanitized and reused
- Products that do not meet our standards for shipment (such as minor defects which do not affect food quality) are donated to local food banks; \$50,000 worth of food is given annually to the elderly and underprivileged

INITIATIVES ON THE HORIZON

- Install skylights in MaineSource stores for natural lighting
- Reserve prime parking spaces for hybrid/environmentally friendly cars
- Replace all current computer monitors with more efficient and eco-friendly LEDs
- Implement a paperless delivery system to cut down on waste
- Evaluate possibilities for alternative fuels such as natural gas and biodiesel
- Current and future Maines food shows will feature a “Green Space” where environmentally products are showcased along with information and inspiration
- Maines is constantly reengineering our operational processes and equipment to minimize environmental impact; expect more efficient and green advancements in the future!
- All new Maines vehicles will be designed with particle filters that cut down on carbon emissions





Help make our world greener by recycling.



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