

Oregon International Port of Coos Bay – Environmental Plan

At the Oregon International Port of Coos Bay, it is our intention to manage our operations and maintain our facilities in an environmentally friendly manner.

We recognize that our activities have both direct and indirect effects on the environment, and Port staff is committed to reducing our impact while educating and empowering our employees to make more environmentally responsible choices.

Port staff will make every effort to understand and adhere to the laws and regulations pertaining to our operations and the community. Staff's aim is to exceed required levels of compliance wherever feasible. Port staff has begun to implement this strategy by making more environmentally-preferable purchasing choices and developing companywide recycling programs. As such, staff has chosen to make environmental responsibility a part of our operating philosophy.

Waste Management

- Practice waste prevention whenever possible
- Reduce waste by (a) decreasing our consumption of paper and (b) increasing our usage of paper that contains recycled content. Since 1994, all Port letterhead, business cards, envelopes and brochures have been printed on recycled paper.
- Reuse or recycle all incoming packaging materials. Crow/Clay Architects as the Port's landlord provides a closet space to recycle all packing and printed material to be recycled.
- Minimize the amount of printed materials & direct mail we use. Promotion of email correspondence.
- Encourage recycling by having bins accessible around the office.
- Recycle all Dell computer products.
- Supply employees and visitors with reusable ceramic mugs for coffee or water, rather than disposable one.
- Recycle Port office paper, files folders, cardboard boxes, newspapers, magazines, brochures, bottles and cans.

- Continue to utilize recycling programs and expand them where possible.

Water Conservation

- Promote the use of water and energy efficiently
- Recycle and reuse all water used at the shipyard for washing boats.
- Install low flow taps to reduce water waste.

Air Quality

- Maintain good indoor air quality with the addition of plants
- Hepa Air Filters have been added to the administration offices for cleaner recirculated air quality
- The Port purchased a used Hyster Forklift that uses propane instead of gas/diesel
- We seek opportunities to reduce the need for unnecessary transport in our daily operations thereby reducing carbon impact on the environment

Energy Efficiency

- Utilize energies sparingly
- Office thermostat is at a set temperature therefore reducing energy consumption
- Replaced incandescent light bulbs with florescent bulbs or low energy bulbs
- Implement PC Power management: Turn off office machines and lights at night at the wall socket
- Conduct routine maintenance on products/equipment to increase the useful life
- Install multi-functional devices (for faxing, printing, and photocopying) to reduce energy and paper usage (such as Green-print, a software program that eliminates the last page or blank pages when printing information off the internet)
- The Port encourages telecommuting, and telephone conference calls through Go-Green Conferencing
- Purchase 'Energy Star' appliances and electronics when replacing equipment
- Implement pilot solar power energy projects to test solar power viability within the Marina facilities

- Implement pilot wind project to test viability of a small scale wind farm on the North Spit of lower Coos Bay

Purchasing Supplies

- Consider environmental impacts in our purchasing.
- Purchase recycled office supplies and paper products whenever possible.
- Align the Port with green vendors, suppliers and partners
- Consider durability and reparability of products prior to purchase
- When shopping for office supplies reuse paper or canvas shopping bags
- Port staff maintains records on the use of cleaning chemicals before the end of date, and replaces with environmentally-friendlier options before the end of date.
- The Port has strict standards for the safe and environmental disposal of hazardous materials in all Port facilities.

Community Engagement

- Interact with and educate the community regarding Port operations and environmental programs
- Endeavor to work with partner organizations that share the Port's green values
- Encourage Port staff and clients to be responsible, corporate green citizens