



## OUR COMMITMENT

Evergreen Supply and Everlights provides sustainable solutions to customers, but has also developed green initiatives within the company to maintain our commitment to environmental stewardship.

## PROPERTY

- In 2001, the owner purchased a vacant warehouse at 9901 S Torrence and rehabbed the existing space to limit environmental impacts from new construction.

## ENERGY SAVINGS

- The office and warehouse has been retro-fitted to LED exit signs, energy efficient T8 lamps, and reflectors were utilized to reduce lamp quantity.
- Automatic timer turn off computers and printers when idle, after hours, and on weekends to reduce energy consumption.
- A new thermostat helps read temperature more accurately to prevent heating and cooling waste.
- In 2010, total energy consumption was reduced by 75%. This also totaled 76.32 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> saved, 307.92 lbs of SO<sub>2</sub> saved, 513.20 tons of NO<sub>x</sub> saved, which is equal to about 12 cars off the road and 1416 trees planted.

## RECYCLING

- Everlights recycles over 2 million light bulbs a year.
- A free electronics recycling program is in place for community households. Customers may also drop off small quantities of batteries and bulbs.
- Evergreen Supply and Everlights also has recycling programs set up for interoffice and warehouse paper, batteries, electronics, light bulbs, ink and toner cartridges, cardboard, scrap metal, and plastics.
- In 2009, Everlights help divert enough mercury to protect over 650,000 acres of clean water.
- Packaging supplies are reused to eliminate the use of new products.

## ENVIRONMENTAL

- Marketing materials are printed by eco-friendly printers with sustainable materials.
- Green cleaning products and methods are used instead of harmful chemicals.
- The faucets on our sinks have been retro-fitted with aerators to reduce water consumption. Toilets have also been retro-fitted with low flow hardware.
- A water purifier is used to remove particulates and harmful chemicals.
- Employees use reusable dishes and utensils when dining to eliminate waste.
- Office furniture was purchased pre-owned as opposed to buying a new product.
- Office plants are used to promote better indoor air quality and for aesthetics.
- Volunteer work and time is donated to local community organizations and for cleanup projects.

## TRANSPORTATION

- The owners have purchased Hybrid vehicles.
- Sales representatives use public transportation when possible to visit customers and for meetings.
- Both companies utilize local vendors to cut down on shipping materials from long distances.

## INVOLVMENT

- USGBC Chicago Chapter
- Illinois Recycling Association
- Community Outreach and Tours
- People's Park Clean-up Volunteers
- Southeast Environmental Task Force
- Association of Lighting and Mercury Recyclers
- Illinois Counties Solid Waste Management Assoc.