



Affiliated Grounds Maintenance Group, Inc.

Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship

A Plan for Environmental Success



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I. Sustainability Introduction

Affiliated Grounds Maintenance Group, Inc. (AGMG, Inc.) environmental mission has always been to integrate sustainable practices into our company and communities we work in. We do this by instituting environmental sustainable practices from local, state and federal agencies. AGMG, Inc. wants to ensure and protect the quality of life for this generation and future generations. We will lead by example, and enhance all aspects of the environment and promote responsible management and effective stewardship to all natural environments. It is one of the company's philosophies to "work diligently to promote and implement our company policies and procedures and promote environmentally sustainable practices to all".

For over ten years AGMG, Inc. has always put a proactive approach in place for the future of our environment. Our President sits on an international "Going Green" committee for an international non-profit organization called SIMA. Our National Business Manager educates people across the nation the importance of caring for the current environment, to save it for our generations to come.

We have numerous on staff experts, including certified snow professionals, certified landscape professionals, expert witnesses, consultants, auditors, LEED informed managers, licensed pesticide applicators and irrigation specialists. We take pride in

what we can do to reduce our carbon footprint across the nation and will continue to take steps to make our company more of a citizen, not just a corporation.

Our company belongs to the following organizations which keeps AGMG, Inc. up with the changing times and technology: NWBOC, PRSM, ICSC, IFMA, BOMA, PLNA, FLGNA, LEED, SIMA and PLANET.

Please read the following outline of objectives we have compiled:

II. Landscape Practices

- We have an integrated pest management system – This helps to reduce the use of pesticides.
- We plant native plants that are use to the environment- causing less watering and disease.
- We utilize bio-swales.
- Rain sensors added to irrigation systems.
- The use of recycled plant containers and bio-degradable plant containers (when available).
- Third-party recycling or on-site mulching.
- Recollection of water (when available) this is a great use of re-used water to water plants (instead of Irrigation).
- Organic fertilizers if appropriate.

III. Snow Practices

- Calibrating salt spreaders for proper usage.
- Educating on types of salt, proper salt usage and practices.
- The use of environmentally friendly chemicals.
- Manage routes to maintain less fuel usage.
- Utilize bigger equipment (when possible) for efficient operations (less equipment used to get the same job done). Fewer emissions in the air.
- Use of snow melters (if appropriate) stores grey water from soiled snow.
- Be proactive (pre-salt) so fewer chemicals are used.

IV. Operations

- Fuel efficient smaller cylinder vehicles.
- Reducing mileage and route time.
- Re-using rain water to wash equipment.
- Tele-commuting, allowing office staff to work at home 1-2 days a week to save on energy.
- Teaching and being more efficient with equipment.
- Just being conscientious about litter and emissions into the environment.
- Re-cycle motor oils.
- Make bio-diesel.
- Proper maintenance on equipment ensuring that no fuels or oils are leaked into the environment.

V. Reducing Waste and Managing Energy

- Energy efficient light bulbs.
- Lowering thermostats.
- Recycling ink jets.
- Recycling old cell phones.
- Re-using paper.
- Using paperless filing systems.
- Recycling glass, plastic, paper, and even motor oils.
- Making bio-diesel and using (where available).
- We patronize vendors that are customers.
- We use vendors within the communities we serve and utilize local materials eliminating the need of shipping materials (packaging and fuel).
- Energy efficient appliances and office equipment including computers, printers and monitors.
- Recycling old equipment and hardware.
- Employee incentive program for best conscientious employee.

VI. Closing Statement

AGMG, Inc. cares about the environment and our customers. It is our goal as company to reduce the carbon footprint wherever we work and across the nation. We will do what it takes to make these two vital parts thrive. Whether it is a complete re-design or just a few things to change, we can help the client evaluate what is needed to ensure quality and the environmental safety of the project. Our experts will help each client meet their needs and create a healthy sustainable environment. For years to come, we will set the standards for other companies to follow.

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