

MOM's Organic Market



Renewable Energy

MOM's supports renewable energy by purchasing Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) to offset over 100% of the company's electricity use. In 2016, MOM's purchased over 11 million kilowatt hours of wind power RECs. In July 2016, MOM's first solar farm went live. It is estimated to produce over 2 million kilowatt hours every year, which will cover about 25% of the power needs at the company's 17 stores.

Energy Efficiency

MOM's implements an energy conservation policy for both building operation and new construction. For example, all refrigeration systems meet the EPA's GreenChill Gold certification standards. These systems use state of the art leak detection to immediately sense and fix leaks. They also use electronically commutated motors, which consume 60% less electricity than the industry standard motor. Waste heat from refrigeration systems is recovered and used for hot water as well.

Recycling

MOM's extensive recycling program accepts the follow items everyday: bar wrappers, batteries, Brita filters, cellphones, compost, drink and food pouches, glasses, health and beauty packaging, cork, plastic, shoes, and snack bags. During annual drives MOM's also accepts denim, electronics, and holiday lights. In 2016 MOM's recycled 2.3 million pounds of compost and 1.9 million pounds of cardboard.

Solid Waste Reduction

MOM's stores have been plastic bag free for over ten years. Customers who bring reusable bags receive a credit of 10 cents per bag. In 2010 MOM's launched "Plastic Surgery," a comprehensive effort to eliminate plastic waste in every way possible. The first step was to ban all sales of bottled water.

Transportation

MOM's offers free electric vehicle charging stations at all locations for both employees and customers. The MOM's company car is the all-electric Nissan Leaf.

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Organization Type

Retail

Number of Fairfax County Employees

110

Fun Facts

MOM's stated purpose is to protect and restore the environment. MOM's sells only organic produce, sustainable seafood, and organic and fair trade coffee.

Every MOM's store has an Environmental Restoration Team that is responsible for employee training and community outreach about sustainability.

In addition to volunteer opportunities, MOM's offers employees a 15% contribution towards an electric or hybrid vehicle purchase and subsidies for green home appliances.