



## **THE MARYLAND GREEN REGISTRY: Helping Calvert's Businesses**

*1. What is the Maryland Green Registry?*

The Maryland Green Registry is a free, voluntary program offering resources to help large and small businesses and other organizations (such as local governments, schools, churches) set and meet their own goals for environmental sustainability. Membership has grown to nearly 600 businesses and other organizations. Collectively, Maryland Green Registry members have reported saving over \$98 million annually through proven, practical measures they have discovered via the Maryland Green Registry website<sup>1</sup> through both sponsored events and free resources offered to members. The Registry is managed by the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) Office of Sustainability.

*2. What organizations in Calvert County are members of the Maryland Green Registry?*

- American Property Consultants
- Calvert County Government
- Calvert Memorial Hospital
- Dominion Cove Point LNG
- Glover's Septic Services, Inc.
- Victor Stanley, Inc.

*3. What are the benefits of membership?*

- The posting of your environmental profile, as approved by you, on the Maryland Green Registry website
- Use of the Maryland Green Registry logo on promotional materials
- Maryland Green Registry window decal for display at your facility
- Free technical and informational assistance to help you implement new environmental best practices
- Information about upcoming webinars and conferences
- Annual contests and prize drawings
- Access to the Maryland Green Registry group on LinkedIn

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<sup>1</sup> <https://mde.maryland.gov/MarylandGreen/Pages/Home.aspx>

4. *What specific support can a business or organization receive through the Maryland Green Registry?*

The Maryland Green Registry offers help in the areas listed below. Often this help can come from other businesses facing similar issues who have documented their sustainability or pollution prevention practices on the Maryland Green Registry website.

- Environmental Management and Leadership
  - Preparing an Environmental Policy Statement
  - Establishing an Environmental Team (also known as Green Teams or Sustainability Teams)
  - Setting Annual Environmental Goals
  - Using Environmentally Preferable Products and Services
  - Using Environmentally Preferable Purchasing
- Waste Management
  - Solid Waste Reduction and Reuse
  - Recycling
  - Composting
  - Hazardous/Toxic Material Use Reduction
- Energy Management
  - Energy Efficiency (e.g., energy benchmarking, obtaining an energy audit, learning about incentive programs, improving energy efficiency of building shells, improving efficiency of HVAC and other systems, improving efficiency of office and industrial systems, improving lighting efficiency, using energy management software systems, training employees on basic energy conservation practices, and peak energy load management)
  - Renewable Energy (e.g., installing renewable energy systems, purchasing power from renewable energy sources, purchasing renewable energy credits)
- Transportation
  - Employee Commutes
  - Efficient Business Travel
  - Efficient Fleet Vehicles
- Water
  - Water Conservation
  - Stormwater Management
- Green Buildings

5. *How can a business/organization join the Maryland Green Registry?*

To join the Maryland Green Registry, your organization must:

- 1) Be located in Maryland,
- 2) Share information on at least **five** environmental practices,
- 3) Provide a measurable result for at least **one** of these practices,
- 4) Strive to continually improve your environmental performance, and
- 5) Update your profile whenever you have new practices and results to share, but no less frequently than every **three** years.

Joining the Maryland Green Registry is free. Visit [Maryland Green Registry](#) to sign up.

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