

Going Green >>>

Marianjoy's "Green" Newsletter



Welcome to Marianjoy's "Green" Newsletter

Going Green is Marianjoy's electronic newsletter which focuses on the organizational efforts and initiatives that help our environment and sustainability. This semi-annual newsletter will provide updates on a variety of sustainability and "green" initiatives that Marianjoy takes part in.

2009 Green Efforts

In the second half of 2009, Marianjoy considerably reduced waste and emissions, saved water and energy, improved sanitation, and enhanced sustainability through a number of measures:

- ✦ Saved nearly 40,000 lbs. of paper and cardboard and more than 25,000 lbs. of glass plastic, and aluminum through recycling
- ✦ Collected and recycled more than 1,400 lbs. of used batteries
- ✦ Switched over from disposable under-pads and hamper liners to their reusable counterparts. Significant reductions to solid waste being land-filled.
- ✦ Converted from cotton rags and mops to their micro-fiber counterparts. Significant savings in the use of water and chemicals as buckets of dirty water/chemicals are no longer being poured down the drain.

Go Green Tips

There are a number of things that you can do at Marianjoy to help the environment:

- ✦ **Recycle** - Recycling items such as paper, cardboard, plastic, glass, and aluminum, turns what would be waste into valuable resources. There are blue containers located throughout the Marianjoy campus where these materials can be placed. You can also recycle old batteries (AA, AAA, C, D, 9V) - a container for this purpose is located just outside the mailroom.
- ✦ **Reuse** - Reuse items whenever possible to save natural resources, reduce recycling costs and landfill waste. Be sure to reuse interoffice envelopes whenever possible. You can also reuse your metal water bottle from Marianjoy's 'Spring Fling' rather than buying bottled beverages.
- ✦ **Reduce** - You can keep plastic out of landfills and save money by using a BPA-free plastic bottle or metal container instead of buying bottled water. When eating at the Marianjoy cafeteria, don't take the "to-go" styrofoam containers when you can eat in. You'll help to reduce styrofoam waste which takes hundreds of years to break down.

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Did You Know?

Marianjoy and Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare have received a number of awards from "Clean Air Counts" for reducing Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) released into the atmosphere.

New hospital patient rooms are equipped with monitoring-devices that reduces energy consumption when room is vacant.

Got An Idea?

Have questions or ideas on how to add to Marianjoy's "green" initiatives?

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