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Green Policies & Practices

Jobuntu LLC is an environmentally- and socially-responsible company that strives to be the Greenest Tech Support business. Below is a description of our Green Policies & examples of how the polices are implemented.

Energy Policy & Implementation

- The electrical supply for Jobuntu LLC is 100% [Wind Power](#), provided by [Clean Currents](#).



- All lighting in the workshop and other areas are LED lighting, which uses 3 – 7 watts (as much as 80% less than a 15W CF light bulb, and as much as 96% less than a 75W incandescent bulb).



- ¹ Installing sun tubes for the workshop to utilize natural lighting as a primary light source.

- Any batteries used are rechargeable (mostly NiMH) and, when they reach their end-of-life, are disposed of properly at legitimate recycling centers.

- Workshop thermostat is set to conserve energy. In Winter months, the thermostat is programmed to between 65° and 67° F during the day, and 57° - 59° F at night.² In the Summer months, thermostat is set to 79° - 80° F during the day, and 76° F at night.



- Whenever feasible, preference for company purchases is given to local and regional suppliers to reduce the carbon footprint of the transportation.

- Preference is given to delivery over pickup, as this reduces carbon emissions from using the automobile to pickup what would otherwise be delivered.³



- Whenever feasible, travel to clients by foot, reducing the company's reliance on the automobile. (Primary factor in determining feasibility is distance.)



- Whenever feasible, Jobuntu travels to clients by bicycle with a cargo trailer, reducing the company's reliance on the automobile. (Factors in determining feasibility include weather, safety of both the technician and the items in the cargo trailer, and time & distance.)

- When neither walking nor bicycling to a client is feasible, Jobuntu travels in a hybrid car with gas mileage between 40 mpg (city/suburban driving) and 55 mpg (highway)⁴.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Policies and Procedures

Jobuntu believes that the order of the three R's is the order which is supposed to be followed. Therefore, it is the policy of Jobuntu LLC to:

- Reduce our use of products, and when we buy products, to show preference for



² This has the added benefit of keeping the CPU and GPU cooler, thereby decreasing the energy consumption of the PC.
³ UPS, FedEx and USPS are already in my neighborhood everyday except Sunday.
⁴ Under some conditions (e.g., certain inclement weather conditions; mountains), the hybrid car gets less than 40 mpg.

products that are made from recycled materials (preferably post-consumer), reusable and recyclable. When going to local vendors of products (hardware stores, computer stores), Jobuntu uses reusable bags and other containers.

- Reuse products whenever feasible, even if the reuse of a product is not the original intent of the product.⁵ Jobuntu utilizes [Freecycle](#) as part of its efforts to reuse.
- Recycle products that are no longer reusable and are recyclable. This includes bring hard-to-recycle products to legitimate recycling centers. All packaging -including plastics, paper and paper products and metals- are sorted and recycled. All glass, metal, paper and recyclable plastics that is no longer used by Jobuntu is recycled.

Examples of these policies in action include:

- All scrap paper (paper on which only one side has been used and is no longer needed) is sorted and maintained to use for draft printing projects and making notepads with the company logo to give to clients.
- Office paper is purchased from [Greenline Paper Company](#), a Pennsylvania B Corporation⁶ that specializes in paper made from post-consumer waste, including copy paper, envelopes and paper for the bathroom and breakroom.
- Whenever feasible, hardware that is no longer refurbishable or reusable is broken down to its separate parts to make it easier to sort for reuse or recycling. This service is offered to my clients for free or a nominal fee (depending on the difficulty of disassembly).

⁵ For example, a computer's hard drive disk (HDD) contains strong magnets which can be reused as tools or as refrigerator magnets.

⁶ A B Corporation must comply with a triple bottom line: Profit, Environmental sustainability and respect for workers' rights in their manufacturing, servicing and materials sourcing.