

Going Green!



GREENING OUR GOODS & SERVICES

In an effort to become a more environmentally conscious company, Costa Fruit & Produce has developed an internal program called "Greening Our Goods and Services" This program has been in place for many years and continues to evolve as our company grows.

As a specialist and leader in the produce industry, Costa has supported local farmers and the utilization of sustainable and organic farming methods for more than fifty years. In fact, to help growers run their farms more efficiently, Costa instituted a seven day net payment pro-

gram for all produce and agricultural products grown or produced in New England by independent farmers and producers.

With that said, please review the many environmentally friendly business practices that are now a part of our day to day operations and our "Greening Our Goods and Services" program.

COSTA'S ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY BUSINESS PRACTICES INCLUDE...

Energy Conservation:

Investments & programs for energy conservation include:

- New highly efficient warehouse lighting for safety and energy conservation.
- 14,000 square ft newly insulated loading dock.
- Developed a conservation strategy with NRM (National Resource Management Co.) and NSTAR

Energy Conservation Benefits:

Reduced Air Pollutants

Carbon Dioxide	341,294 lbs.
Sulfur Dioxide	901 lbs.
Nitrogen Oxides	375 lbs.

Environmental Impact: Equivalent of

Planting	46 acres of trees
Saving	20,250 gallons of gas annually



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Energy Conservation:

“The lights are on but no one is home”

- HR Program to conserve energy within the (office) workplace.

A simple but effective approach to encourage employees to conserve energy by shutting off lights and office equipment when not in use. Signage placed above light switches and office equipment reminding employees to shut down equipment use power save modes. Company policy is for all computers to be shut down after hours.

Fleet Upgrades:

- Stealth Technology: Lower decibels and lower noise pollution.
- Automatic Start/Stop Technology: Minimizes total engine hours with less fuel consumed and less evacuating exhaust.
- R-404 Refrigerant: Meets clean air “Zero Ozone Depletion”.

Gas Saving per year: 35,700 gallons per year

Environmental Impact: Equivalent of

Removing 47.6 cars from the road annually



Waste Reduction:

- All corrugated boxes are bailed and recycled weekly through JRM recycling.
- All fruit and vegetable waste is shipped to local farms for composting and feed.

Recycling Pounds per year 1,228,000 lbs or 614 tons

Environmental Impact: Equivalent of

Saving 10,438 Trees Annually

