

Zosimos Botanicals LLC

Our company actively maintains and works towards reducing environmental toxins, educating Consumers on the dangers of synthetic substances in cosmetics and supporting entities that share our vision.

[]Leadership: Our business complies with and strives to exceed compliance with all applicable regulations. We share our practices with others and support stakeholders which are committed to sustainability.

Zosimos Botanicals LLC is a Member of the Co-op America Business Network and as such has been screened and accepted as a green business and listed in the green business directory. In addition, we are a signatory to the EU Directive the Compact for Safe Cosmetics. The Compact is a voluntary agreement available only to companies manufacturing their own line of personal care products. By signing, we vow not to include a long list of carcinogens or other toxins in our products. We are listed as one of the Safer Companies by the Environmental Working Groups' Skin Deep database, a compendium of companies, ingredients and products. We were also screened and accepted into the Green Products Alliance for socially responsible entities aiming to create a sustainable economy and ecosystem.

[]Save Energy: Our business conserves energy, obtains some of its electricity from a renewable resource, and/or uses energy efficiently in lighting, heating, cooling, travel and equipment use.

Our workshop receives all of its electricity from wind power. The lighting is provided by compact florescent bulbs. The workshop is in a sub-ground area which not only protects the raw materials from sunlight but also creates a cool atmosphere requiring less central air conditioning. When available, raw materials are purchased from vendors within short geographic range in order to reduce the amount of carbon emissions produced by transportation. Similarly, rather than drive outgoing packages to a postal facility, we use Click-N-Ship and Carrier Pickup service from the Post Office so the carrier takes the packages as part of the normal route.

[] Avoid Waste and Pollution: Our business develops and implements comprehensive practices that prevent pollution and waste of materials and natural resources.

All incoming packaging material is sorted and reused. There is an area for folded brown paper, barrels for sealed air and small boxes. Upon Customer request, outgoing packages are shipped using Priority Mail service which materials are cradle-to-cradle certified. Raw materials are stored in reused Mason Jars, smaller amounts are saved in baby food jars.

Baby food jars of various sizes are sorted and saved in several bins. The entire workshop is furnished with reclaimed furniture, from the bookcases to the tables and mini-fridge storing hydrosols. We do not use synthetic substances that will harm the environment when released into the ground water.

[] Community Involvement: Our business is locally owned and/or is substantially involved in our local community, providing financial support and utilizing local materials and services.

As part of our commitment to social responsibility, Zosimos Botanicals has supported fundraising efforts for several local businesses that share our vision. These include the Montgomery County Humane Society and the Poplar Spring Animal Sanctuary. We annually participate in the Celebrate Mama event the weekend before mother's day, where vendors disseminate products and services for new and existing parents in the local area. This year, we also exhibited at a Going Green event sponsored by the County to introduce local green businesses to consumers (no sales).

Education: Our business educates our stakeholders about our sustainability practices and involves them in minimizing the life-cycle social and environmental impacts of our products and services.

Our Founder spoke at the recent DC Green Festival on the topic of green cosmetics, why they are important and the process to begin a green business in this field. Video of this educational speech is posted on the website. We offer refills of our Foundation brushes rather than having Customers throw them away. We do post information to our Customers that we package in recycled materials as it uses less energy, and ask them to do the same.

With the 2 page limit, this is our submission for inclusion in the Directory. Attached is a scan of our Certificate from Co-op America.

Best,
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