

Greening LeChase Program Overview

LeChase Construction Services, LLC

LeChase Construction Services LLC and its subsidiaries, as stewards of the environment, are committed to being a sustainable organization, balancing economic, social and environmental goals to secure our present needs while also protecting the needs of future generations.

To achieve this, we will strive to:

- Reduce waste in all operations
- Reuse materials, tools and equipment
- Recycle materials
- Employ energy efficiency in our operations
- Use sustainable and environmentally friendly products in our operations
- Provide our employees, subcontractors, vendors and clients a safe and healthy environment to work in
- Educate and train our employees, subcontractors, vendors and clients in sustainable practices, providing them with practical tools and methods
- Advocate for sustainable building design and construction
- Educate our communities at large through speaking series, seminars and workshops

Areas of Focus:

1. Office Operations
2. Pre-construction Operations
3. Construction/Field Operations
4. Training
5. Communications

Overview of Initial Efforts:

- Switching the entire company to recycled paper products.
- Enforcing recyclable bins for cans and bottles (following State regulations).
- Encouraging the use of ceramic coffee mugs and replacing Styrofoam cups with paper.
- Energy Saving initiatives: energy saving lighting alternatives, occupancy lighting sensors.
- Create resources and tools to quickly and accurately report the cost of implementing LEED requirements on building projects.
- Develop a tool to be able to look at total "Life Cycle" costs for LEED point opportunities, not just first cost \$.
- When cost effective purchase/rent materials and equipment locally to minimize shipping distance/pollution.
- Investigate installation of a rainwater collection tank in yard for use in washing equipment.
- Ongoing internal training.
- Equip all jobsites with fuel/oil spill kits to clean up small spills from leaking equipment or broken hoses.
- Evaluate changing company vehicles to alternate powered vehicles.
- Evaluate vendors we use not only on cost but on their commitment to "Green."
- Evaluate alternative power.
- Development and tracking of a "Triple Bottom Line" reporting tool.

