



## Environmental Mission

Copper Leaf Financial works towards social and environmental responsibility every day, striving to reflect the Vermont brand for more than 15 years.

Our efforts have included the installation of solar panels which keep 16 tons of carbon from entering the atmosphere every year. Additionally, the firm implemented energy and waste reduction tasks to the daily routines of all staff members and we have analyzed and changed many of the brands of office supplies purchased to reflect the “30% post-consumer 100% recycled” goal, while keeping costs to a minimum.



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## “Green” Alliances

Our alliances with Vermont organizations committed to sustainability have paved the way for socially responsible success!



Copper Leaf Financial has earned the Vermont Green Business designation!

VGB recognizes businesses as Environmental Partners when they achieve and maintain a set of eight environmental standards. For more information, visit: [www.vbep.org](http://www.vbep.org)

We are also a member of Vermont Businesses for Social Responsibility (VBSR). VBSR’s mission is to advance business ethics that value multiple bottom lines- economic, social, and environmental. Members are expected to set a high standard for protecting the natural, human and economic environments of the state’s residents, while remaining profitable. For more information visit: [www.vbsr.org](http://www.vbsr.org)



# Best Practices

## Davis & Hodgdon Associates Best “Green” Practices

- ◆ Adopted/communicated a formal environmental policy
- ◆ Designated Environmental team of three
- ◆ Updated screen saver settings on workstation monitors to power down after five minutes
- ◆ Using funding from state and federal grants, in 2010 we installed solar photovoltaic modules (The total rating of the system is 21,600 Watts)
- ◆ Challenged office supply vendor to provide budget-friendly, “green” alternatives for all regularly ordered products
- ◆ Use copy paper, facial tissue and other paper products that are compliant with Vermont Green Business standards
- ◆ All office lights programmed to turn off if no movement is sensed for 16 minutes
- ◆ All computers and monitors shut down and powered off every day
- ◆ Provide mugs, glasses, utensils for staff use in lieu of disposable items
- ◆ HVAC: Zone-controlled; Re-circulates air which uses less energy; Occupied and Unoccupied settings so it does not run off-hours
- ◆ Light fixtures are high-efficiency T8 (HPT8) fluorescent fixtures
- ◆ Insulation on NE side walls to prevent heat loss
- ◆ New water filtration system eliminated monthly bottle delivery and recycling
- ◆ Office carpeting is certified “CRI Green Label Plus”; meeting the lowest emission of Volatile organic compounds (VOCs)
- ◆ Catering is through locally-owned businesses and/or “farm-to-table” foods
- ◆ Online portal eliminates paper use; 50% of clients use portal for file exchange

**Interested in finding out more about implementing these initiatives and avenues for funding?**

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