

JUST – APPLICABLE SECTIONS:

- Positive Products

YGH is committed to only purchasing and being involved with products and services that contribute to the betterment of people, communities, and the environment. These positive products and services, either directly, or indirectly, contribute to beneficial outcomes and positively address societal concerns. Areas of impact include: renewable energy; water services; public transportation; pollution and waste management; social and economic inequalities and injustices; discrimination; poverty and other social injustices; affordable housing; improvements in nutritional foods; health care and safety; advancements in education; animal welfare; promotion of the arts and sciences; and conservation and reclamation of the natural environment.

YGH strives to only purchase positive products and use positive services for our operations. Whenever possible YGH uses green cleaning products, refillable and recycled content office products, and provides our own durable dishware for in house events. Additionally, YGH has a comprehensive recycling program, minimizes its energy and water use and offers alternative transportation incentives.

YGH is an Architecture firm in the Architecture industry. As such, we are not involved in the manufacture, provision, purchase, or use of products and services such as armaments and firearms; alcohol; tobacco; narcotics and other illicit drugs; gambling; pornography; prostitution; payday lending; organized crime; irresponsible forestry; fossil fuel extraction and refining; LBC red list materials and chemicals; or the nuclear industry.

PVC Free Firm: YGH has made a commitment to designing PVC-free interiors in an approach to Material transparency that is holistic, fair to all manufacturers, and the most impactful. The manufacturing process, the human health effects, and the environmental effects of PVC are borderline catastrophic, and by eliminating it from our interior materials we are adopting a comprehensive approach to material health and transparency. When there are so many great PVC-free alternatives at practically every price point, going PVC-free is nothing but a win-win. We believe strongly that a sustainable future is also a healthy one.

We are members of the AIA 2030 Commitment and the Portland Materials Transparency Collaborative, early adopters of the JUST label, and are a living Product 50 Materials Pledge signatory.

Screening and Selection Criteria: YGH screens all its purchases and uses of products and services against the prohibited list to ensure that there is no selection of banned involvement.

Sincerely,



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YGH SUSTAINABILITY

OFFICE OPERATIONS

STAFF EDUCATION

100+



presentations per year (Lunch and Learns, design lunches, Thursdays @ 4) relevant to the firm's project and design goals as well as regular trainings on maintaining our own in-house green facilities.

ENERGY & WATER USE



YGH strives to assure that it minimizes its impact on energy and water use and has implemented the following:

- HVAC set to active 8-5 M-F only
- Computers, monitors and office equipment are set to go to sleep/energy saving mode after 15 minutes
- Lights are on motion sensor as well as auto-dimming when natural light is sufficient
- Our policy is for staff to shut down their computers and turn off their monitors each evening unless needed for remote access
- All major appliances and office equipment are Energy Star qualified
- All sinks, toilets and urinals are low-flow to reduce unnecessary water waste

15
minutes



OFFICE SUPPLIES

Our office prioritizes refillable, recycled content and sustainably produced office supplies including:

- Pens
- Pencils
- Scissors
- Labels
- Correction Tape
- Binders
- Notepads
- Minimum 30% Post-Consumer Recycled Content Paper (100% ♻️)
- Printers default to double-sided printing to reduce waste
- Paper napkins/towels made from 100% recycled materials



CLEANING

Whenever possible, YGH uses green cleaning products.

- Kitchen soaps and detergents are biodegradable
- Organic surface cleaners are available to staff for cleaning
- Building Management cleaning service uses green cleaning products
- YGH uses an eco-friendly dry cleaner



RECYCLING & COMPOSTING



Comprehensive recycling program includes collection of:

Normal Recycling

- Paper
- Metal
- Regular Co-mingled Items
- Separated Glass

Additional Recycling

- Rigid Plastic Caps and Lids (for Aveda's "Recycle Caps" program)
- Brita Water Pitcher Filters
- Standard Batteries
- Cell Phones and Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs)
- Corks

Composting

- All Food Waste
 - Related Soiled Packaging
 - Paper Towels
- Collected in Restrooms for Composting



CATERING POLICY

- Required family-style catering for in-house meetings
- We provide our own durable dishware including plates, glasses, flatware, and serving utensils
- Pitchers of water and glasses are provided in lieu of plastic water bottles



ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION



YGH encourages the use of alternative transportation and all YGH employees are eligible to receive benefits/incentives. To help employees choose walking, biking, light rail or busing, YGH offers:

- 50% subsidy on TriMet bus passes and MAX tickets
- Quarterly cash incentive if walking or biking 75+% of working days
- A building with covered and secure bike area and shower facilities
- Paid subscriptions for Zipcar
- Cab account for employees who are working late or emergency use
- Bike repair kit and lock

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