

## OBBG Green Philosophy

- ✓ Proclaim your commitment to greener business practices
- ✓ Share your commitment with people you work with and guests
- ✓ Align your spending and vendor choices to reflect that commitment
- ✓ Network with other organizations that share your commitment
- ✓ Set achievable goals and a realistic framework for achievement
- ✓ Be flexible and evolve your goals as the business at your Bed and Breakfast increases

## Reduce Reuse and Recycle

- ✓ Avoid disposable products and those with excess packaging
- ✓ Ask that people you do business with do the same
- ✓ Use canvas bags for market needs
- ✓ Avoid using disposable cleaning products
- ✓ Use email to conduct business as much as possible
- ✓ When printing, use both sides of the paper
- ✓ For guest and employee notes, regulations, guides and memos, create reusable documents.
- ✓ Reduce the newspaper to a weekly edition
- ✓ Reuse old linens for cleaning rags
- ✓ Donate unusable items to charities
- ✓ Take full advantage of your local recycling services
- ✓ Recycle all of your electronic discards
- ✓ Use refillable ink wells
- ✓ Composting Organic Waste

## Freshwater Reduction

- ✓ When upgrading plumbing or appliance purchases, install or buy water saving devices
- ✓ Using a front loading clothes washer saves on water and cleaning chemicals
- ✓ Encourage Showers over Baths
- ✓ Maintain existing plumbing and devices
- ✓ Let your over-engineered dishwasher do the rinsing for you.
- ✓ Use native and draught resistant landscaping
- ✓ Use smart watering practices
- ✓ Gray Water Recycling where codes permit (Multnomah County doesn't permit )

## Wastewater

- ✓ When possible, paints and chemicals to the toxic recycling center

- ✓ Avoid non-biodegradable cleaning products
- ✓ Use nature based soaps and lotions
- ✓ Use steam cleaning when possible
- ✓ Organic food waste in garbage or composting
- ✓ Avoid fertilizers

### Energy Efficiency

- ✓ Take advantage of natural light when possible
- ✓ Turn off light when not in use
- ✓ When running errands and market shopping, use your car as little as possible.
- ✓ If possible, encourage guests to use mass transit
- ✓ For safety corridors and entrances, use sensor devises
- ✓ Run your home a little cooler in the Winter and a little warmer in the Summer
- ✓ Install screens where possible and use natures air conditioning
- ✓ As light bulbs expire, replace with compact florescent or LED bulbs
- ✓ Insulate Water Pipes
- ✓ When updating water heater, consider a demand or instantaneous water heater.
- ✓ Perform regular maintenance on all HVAC systems
- ✓ Weatherize windows and doors
- ✓ When replacing windows, replace with double and triple pane.
- ✓ Consider applying sun control window films to windows with heavy sun exposure
- ✓ When updating appliances, replace with energy efficient products
- ✓ When upgrading building or roofing, consider green building practices and green roofing