



Green Initiatives

# Protecting Our Environment

## Working together as ONE for a better future.

Both nationally and locally, USI is committed to supporting an eco-friendly and sustainable environment through USI Green, a series of corporate initiatives focused on recycling programs, beautification projects, and actions to lower our carbon footprint. Depending on office locations, some of our progress includes:

### Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Restore

Helping to minimize our ecological footprint by reducing, reusing, recycling, and restoring.

- Installing water filtration to cut down on bottled water usage
- Defaulting all printers to double sided printing to reduce paper
- Donating used furniture to reduce waste
- Participating in Keurig Grounds to Grow On™ coffee pod recycling
- Issuing reusable mugs to minimize use of paper and styrofoam
- E-Delivery of policy forms, presentations and vendor invoices to reduce paper
- Recycling used toner cartridges to reduce landfill
- Supporting reforestation efforts in U.S. National Parks in partnership with One Tree Planted

### Sustainable Purchasing

Making smarter purchasing decisions to benefit our environment without compromising quality.

- Partnering with vendors who have sustainability programs in place
- Printing business cards on recycled paper
- Purchasing recycled products when possible

### Energy Conservation

Reducing our overall energy consumption.

- LEED certification in more of our offices
- Powering down machines when not in use
- Maximizing natural light in office design
- Energy efficient and motion sensor lighting to reduce electricity
- Video/teleconferencing to decrease air and car travel and reduce our carbon footprint

### Electronics Stewardship

Ongoing efforts to improve electricity consumption and reduce electronics waste.

- Using multi-purpose machines for copying, scanning, faxing and printing
- Reusing and recycling electronics to prevent valuable materials from going into the waste stream

## 2022 USI Green Program by the Numbers

**5,698** Trees preserved by recycling

**90%+** Of each coffee pod consumed in participating offices converted to compost

**351,040** Pounds of paper securely shredded and recycled resulting in 827 pounds of CO2 emissions avoided

**14** Additional office locations equipped with occupancy sensor lighting

**600,500** Disposable cups eliminated by using reusable water bottles

**1,007,321** Pieces of paper saved by using e-delivery

**7,485** Trees planted in support of reforestation projects across the United States

*For more information on USI's sustainability and community investment, please visit [www.usi.com](http://www.usi.com).*

*Think "Green" before you print.*