



Great Harvest Bread Company Helena Environmental Action Policy

Great Harvest Bread Company Helena, Montana is a neighborhood bakery owned and operated by Raymond and Juliann Clum. The bakery is about whole wheat bread. It is about fresh-ground flour and pure ingredients that are combined into a product that keep people coming back for more. Our products have expanded to include a variety of bread, sweets, sandwiches, fresh-made dry mixes, and those that complement our bread, while maintaining the high quality and customer service for which we are known.

The bakery is part of a system of franchised whole wheat bakeries that began in Montana and has grown to over 200 bakeries nationwide. The mission statement of the organization and model for each bakery is:

Be loose and have fun.

Bake phenomenal bread.

Run fast to help customers.

Create strong, exciting bakeries.

And give generously to others.

The Great Harvest Bread Company of Helena strives to achieve all parts of this mission. Here in Helena, we believe that environmental awareness and responsibility are part of that mission.

We recognize a responsibility to manage environmental impacts of our business. An assessment of our business has identified significant areas of environmental impact may include, at least, energy consumption, water consumption, and the generation of solid waste.

In order to promote good environmental practices, Great Harvest Bread Co. Helena will:

- Minimize resource waste by evaluating operations and ensuring they are as efficient as feasible;
- Make employees aware of this environmental action policy and train them in ways they can achieve the objectives of this policy;
- Have regard for environmental effects of raw ingredient/product sourcing including packaging;
- Reduce, reuse and recycle packaging when feasible;
- Monitor performance and bring improvements as opportunity arises.

ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW

- Cardboard recycling
- Insulated water heater
- Ingredient bucket reuse onsite, or by employees and customers
- Pallet reuse by interested parties
- Ingredient barrel reuse by interested parties
- Gift basket return and reuse
- Donate day-old bread to Helena Food Share
- Replaced numerous light bulbs with compact fluorescent
- Installed bicycle rack to support and encourage walking and biking to the bakery (2012)
- Food scrap (bread, lettuce, veggies, etc.) given to duck/chicken feeders
- Recycle customer drink bottles, office paper/printer cartridges, and packaging (including plastic, glass, aluminum, steel cans, and paper)
- Offer ceramic soup bowls to replace disposable bowls for sit-down use (2013)
- Increased use of “green” cleaning products (2012)
- Water landscape in early morning hours to conserve water and achieve best result
- Utilize drip irrigation for flower planters (2013) to conserve water
- Instituted maintenance schedule for furnace cleaning and filter replacement to increase efficiency (2012)
- Instituted oven maintenance schedule for optimum efficiency (2012)
- Native landscape to replace hardscape along pedestrian avenue beautifying the neighborhood (2015)
- Thirty-two solar photovoltaic (PV) panels with 8.96 kilowatt capacity helps power electric equipment (2016)