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HOOKED ON COLFAX is a cafe on East Colfax, serving up locally roasted coffees, beverages and freshly baked local foods. Hooked on Colfax is a great example of a restaurant that chose to implement their own sustainable practices from the beginning, and can now be recognized through their green business certification with Certifiably Green Denver. Owners Malissa and Scott are committed to sustainable practices not only for their business but for the environment. Hooked on Colfax even partners with a program called “Give Me Tap” which helps promote city tap water, reducing the number of plastic water bottles in our landfill, while helping to provide clean water in Africa through the purchase of reusable, BPA-free, water bottles.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT



- Purchase 100% recycled content paper with at least 30% post consumer content
- Recycle all cardboard, mixed paper and co-mingled containers
- Select products that are shipped with less packaging - their milk is brought in reusable containers
- Implementing a composting program
- Purchase approx. 60% of food products locally
- Use environmentally friendly to-go products

WATER CONSERVATION



- Water served in large communal container
- Customers are encouraged to bring reusable water containers
- Retrofitted toilets to low-flow (use 1.6 gallons per flush)
- Installed sink aerators that save up to 3.5 gallons per minute

ENERGY EFFICIENCY



- Replaced lighting from incandescent to LED's
- Establish a written operations and maintenance plan for refrigeration equipment
- Installed occupancy light sensors
- Committed to purchasing only Energy Star equipment

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT



- Verify compliance with all applicable environmental regulations
- Will conduct annual assessment with Certifiably Green Denver and promote to other businesses and customers

TRANSPORTATION



- Have 3 bike racks installed
- Encourage employees to bike to work
- Adopted an anti-idling policy for employees, customers and vendors