

Annual Report to the Metropolitan Council

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Reduction of Paper Consumption and Postage Expenses by the Nashville MTA

Nashville MTA takes the following steps to reduce paper consumption and postage expenses:

## • Paper:

- We very conscientiously continue to reduce, reuse, and recycle.
- o Scrap paper is repurposed whenever possible, and if not, it is recycled.
- The default settings on our copy equipment are set to black and white and double-sided print.
- o Reports, schedules, and time cards are emailed.
- USB flash drives are used to send large documents to individuals outside of MTA and Metro.
- The training department puts the majority of our training manuals on CD and utilizes PowerPoint for classes instead of handouts.
- As often as is practical and acceptable, electronic files are used instead of paper copies for disbursement of information.
- The use of electronic data instead of paper continues to increase annually.
- Hard copies are shared to minimize the need to print more.
- o Scanned PDF copies are distributed vs. hard copies as much as possible.
- The procurement department emails all bids and RFP's, sending a hard copy only when requested.
- o File folders are reused turning them inside out.
- Whenever practical, electronic files are kept in lieu of paper without paper back-up.

## Postage:

 Email continues to be the preferred method of business mail for Nashville MTA whenever possible.

## • Other:

o All MTA facilities are fully furnished with recyclable containers.