



Workplace Sustainability Recommendations from the Green Committee

The health of the human race is tied to the health of our planet. As Local 600 members, we can do our part to address the climate crisis and other threats to our planet. This document contains a list of Sustainability Practices to consider as members return to work. It is not intended to replace Health and Safety Guidelines from federal, state, and local governments. We recognize that the challenges presented by COVID are significant and safety is and should be our priority. We also know that small acts can have a big impact, and each of us can contribute to a healthier workplace and a healthier planet. This document is intended to provide recommendations that members are free to consider and share.

Equipment:

- Ask rental houses if there is an alternative to packaging cables, filters, etc. in plastic or paper.
- Minimize the use of disposable expendables where possible.
 - Use half-inch paper tape or non-plastic eco-friendly tape.
 - If any camera cases or equipment will remain in the camera truck, consider using a simpler color coding system for those items.
- Tie camera truck (speak with electric department and driver) and equipment into house power (the grid) as much as possible to reduce generator emissions and fuel consumption.
- Take camera batteries off charge as soon as they are at full capacity when possible. Some chargers allow users to set their batteries into sleep mode once fully charged to prevent using excess power.

Equipment Continued:

- Encourage productions to use non-toxic, EPA-registered cleaning supplies when wiping down cameras and accessories whenever practicable in compliance with COVID cleaning standards.
 - Use reusable, micro-fiber cloths over disposable lens tissue and plastic cleaning cloths.
- Create and bring your own reusable waterproof covers for cameras and other accessories.
 - Use materials like Nylon or ground glass.
 - Avoid using plastic bags, plastic shower caps, and other single-use, plastic products.
- Opt to use LED lighting equipment for work lights.

Transportation:

- During pre-production, support virtual location scouting and video conferencing to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and also to social distance and remain safe at home.
- Try to avoid idling your car, other vehicles (i.e. the camera truck), or equipment on set.
- Request a recycling bin for the camera truck for paper, glass, cans, etc.

Digital Workflow:

- Continue to use digital versions of important on-set documents (i.e. camera reports, daily time sheets, timecards).
 - If you need hard copies, use double-sided printing and 100% recycled content paper.

Personal Protective Equipment:

- Avoid the use of plastic gloves unless specifically recommended for tasks in your workflow. Universal glove use is not recommended by experts because it may lead to a false sense of security.
- Use refillable hand sanitizer bottles for your personal supply.
- Talk with your COVID-19 Compliance Officer to learn whether productions plan to or you can recycle or compost PPE.

Catering & Craft Service:

- When safety and productions permit, bring personal, reusable water bottles, mugs, cutlery, and dining ware.
 - Ask Craft Service and Catering to discontinue the use of plastic and Styrofoam serving ware where possible.
 - If disposable cups must be used, ask about BPI-certified, compostable, fiber-based paper (NOT plastic).
- Drink water from a refillable station.
 - If single-use water must be served, choose aluminum cans (NOT plastic bottles or boxed water).
- Encourage plant-based meal options.

In Conclusion:

By taking these small steps toward becoming a more sustainable industry, Local 600 members can do our part to reduce waste and carbon emissions. Let's work together to stop climate change and contribute to a cleaner, healthier world for all of us.

Your Local 600 Green Committee