

THE DURANGO NATURAL FOODS DIFFERENCE

Durango Natural Foods Co-op (DNF) purchases only unbleached paper with 100% post consumer waste content for use in office machines. In addition, we recycle paper by using both sides.

We participate in the LPEA 100% club by purchasing enough wind-generated power to offset over 100% of the electricity we use.

20% of the produce we sell in season is locally grown.

While many of our local growers are not certified organic, they follow organic and sustainable growing practices, and the remainder of our produce is certified organic.

7-10% of products throughout the store -including soaps, greeting cards, granola, meat, roasted coffee beans and more- are locally and regionally produced.

DNF has switched all of our lighting to 60% more efficient compact fluorescent bulbs.

DNF encourages the reuse of bags, and supports local efforts to reduce our community's environmental footprint. Therefore, we have decided to stop offering new plastic bags to customers at the register. Instead, we accept used paper/plastic bags for customer re-use, offer inexpensive reusable bag options, and provide paper bags with 100% reclaimed and recycled fiber content for 10 cents each.

Our Deli, Juice Bar and Produce Department save compostable food scraps and offer free organic compost to customers.

The paints we use in the store are completely free of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs).

We recycle all recyclable waste generated by the store, including receipts left behind by customers, and offer #5 plastic tub recycling free for members.

Our Produce Department carries oxo-biodegradable bags that can be composted, and the Deli containers are made from corn, coffee cups from recycled paper, flatware from potato and corn starches, and "hot" to-go containers are made from sugar cane.

DNF is a founding member of Local First, an evolving local independent business organization supporting local businesses and producers.

