

CAMBRIDGE

# GoGreen Awards

2011



**CATEGORY:** Waste Reduction / Large Business

## CAMBRIDGE COMMON RESTAURANT 1667 Massachusetts Avenue

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Cambridge Common was established in 1996 and a major focus of the restaurant is waste reduction. The owners have been doing business in Cambridge since 1971 and have actively pursued a green agenda for 40 years.
- Since its inception, Cambridge Common has recycled glass, cardboard, and plastic. The restaurant also collects food scraps for composting and used fryer oil which is converted into a clean-burning biofuel for local industries, trucks, cars, and homes.
- Cambridge Common is successfully moving towards zero waste, while engaging and informing its employees and customers. To demonstrate this commitment, the restaurant achieved a 78% recycling rate for 2010!
- These recycling efforts help to curb climate change, by avoiding almost 30 metric tons of carbon equivalent, equal to removing 24 cars from the road annually. In addition, Cambridge Common's recycling program has saved nearly 250 adult trees, over 390 cubic yards of landfill space and 231,000 kilowatts of electricity (or 136 barrels of oil).
- The restaurant provides compostable to-go ware for its customers.

### ABOUT CAMBRIDGE COMMON RESTAURANT:

Cambridge Common is part of a group of family-owned restaurants and music clubs in Cambridge and was one of the first restaurants in the area to introduce a large selection of continuously rotating microbrews as well as offering 31 brews on tap and a selection of bottled beers. Cambridge Common's mission is to be a neighborhood restaurant and bar providing great food, drink, and entertainment at surprisingly affordable prices, and doing so in the most sustainable manner possible. In keeping with those goals, the restaurant has signed up with the Sustainable Business Leader Program and is working towards total greening and certification.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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### ABOUT THE GO GREEN AWARD

The City of Cambridge annually recognizes local businesses and organizations for outstanding practices in transportation, waste reduction and recycling, energy, stormwater management, climate protection, and community sustainability. The awardees make significant contributions to the reduction of the carbon footprint of Cambridge and to making the city more sustainable.