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BEN E. KEITH CO.
FOODSERVICE DISTRIBUTORS
KEITH 360

For over 110 years, Ben E. Keith Company has strived to be a respected corporate citizen within the communities in which we operate.

That culture endures today as we work to reduce our impact on our environmental and natural resources, while working to continuously provide exceptional customer service.

Every aspect of our operations works to support sustainable practices with our buildings and transportation (PLANT), our suppliers and vendors (PARTNERS), and our employees and great customers (PEOPLE).

PLANT

Ben E. Keith is proud of the work we have done to make both our new as well as existing **facilities as Eco-friendly and Efficient as possible. Some of the details on ways the facilities** can conserve energy, reduce water consumption, and improve air quality are:

Transportation

All tires are nitrogen filled, reducing air loss and therefore improving fuel economy

Tractors are equipped with next generation power units which produce less carbon emissions

The use of wide-based tires which are lighter and have less rolling resistance

Perform excessive idle management to reduce emissions and increase fuel economy

Implementation of Roadnet route optimization tool, reducing miles traveled

Warehouses

Third Party Audits to maximize refrigeration and lighting usage to reduce electricity consumption

Motion sensing LED lighting in warehouse aisles and storage areas

All cardboard and shrink wrap waste is recycled

Harvest rainwater for use as non-potable water for the facility

Native vegetation in landscaping

Recycling program throughout the facility

Sky lights in warehouses

New facilities are LEED certified, with plans for all newly built building to follow

Ben E. Keith is a member of the U.S. Building Council

White, high-reflective roofs

Third Party Audits conducted regularly for all energy efficiency

All outbound shipping is done on plastic pallets, which are lighter, more sanitary, and useable for years vs. wooden pallets

PARTNERS

Ben E. Keith is committed to partnering with suppliers who have the same goals of developing environmentally consistent practices for planting, growing, and harvesting healthy foods and food supplies. We also actively source local products that meet food safety guidelines and customer demand.

Some of these practices include:

01 Packaging

Recycled or biodegradeable materials are integrated into plastics and/or made with post-consumer content

Reusable Plastic Containers (RCPs) are utilized in harvesting

Over 95% of all suppliers participate in re-usable/ recycled pallet programs, which removes over 4 million wooden one-way pallets per year from the supply chain

PLA (polylactic acid-com based) packaging materials are utilized

Maximizes inbound packaging from non-food suppliers to ensure the most product per box, pallet, and truckload, therefore reducing to fewer trucks, transportation cost and fossil fuels burned

02 Water

High-efficiency drip irrigation for a vast majority (75%) of our growers on fresh fruits and vegetables

Fields are laser-leveled for reduced irrigation

Sophisticated waste water treatment methods have been implemented

Use of recycled water

03 Soil

Vast majority of principle growers have implemented pest management programs, such as beneficial insects, to naturally reduce plant pests

Sourcing for raw fiber does not include endangered forest or lands

Rotational crop planting is used to add, rather than deplete

Convert over 1.1 million tons annually of trim waste to feed supplement, mulch, or compost

04 Energy

One-Third of core growers use some form of solar energy

Energy-efficient cooling and lighting are employed at staging and shipping facilities

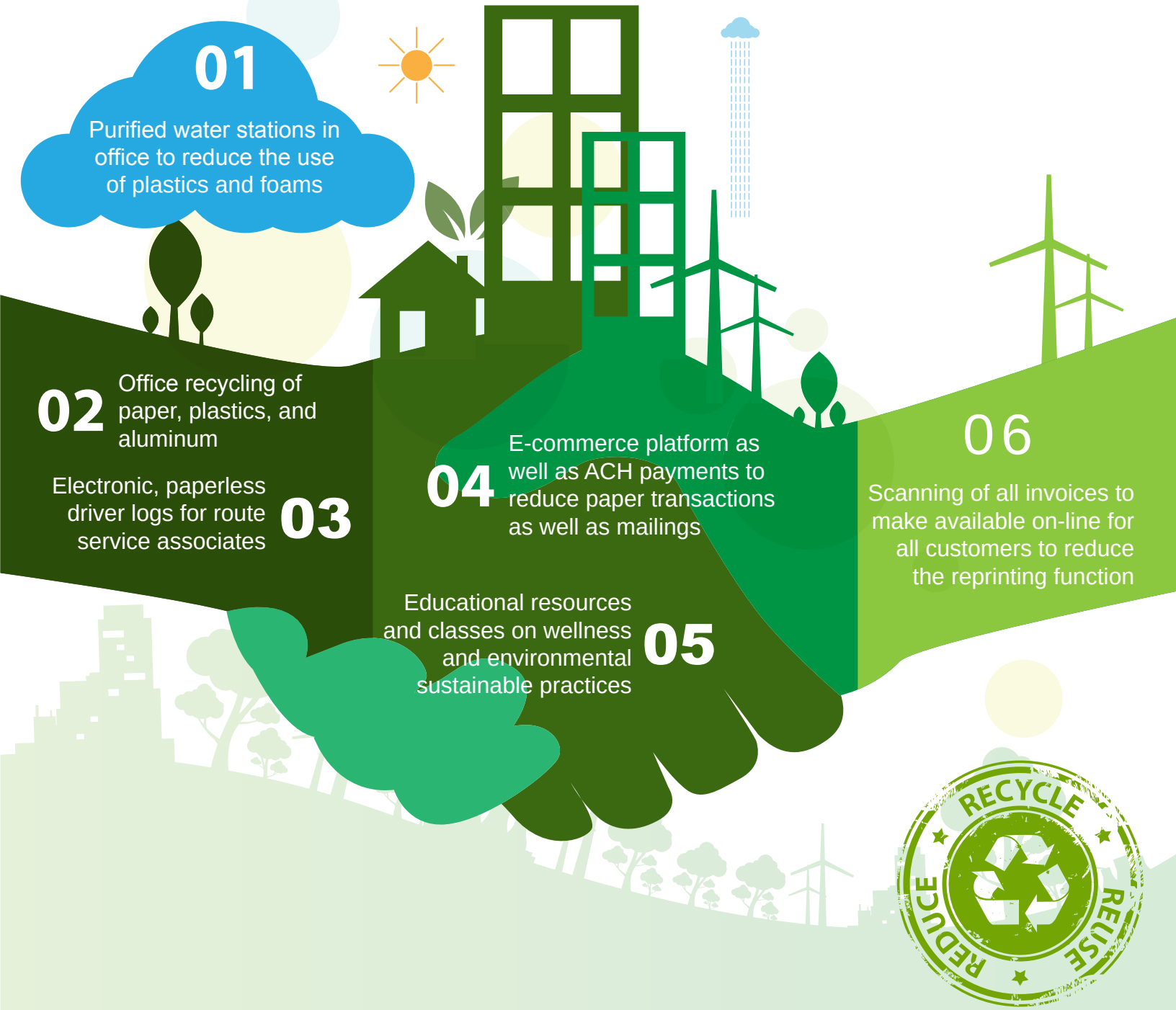
Bio-diesel or ethanol blends are utilized at every opportunity

Railway transportation is used where it is regionally accessible

PEOPLE

The Culture of Ben E. Keith has always been to support our employees, as well as our customers by providing ample resources for the greater good.

Here are a few ways in which we have dedicated our resources to supporting those initiatives:



01 Purified water stations in office to reduce the use of plastics and foams

02 Office recycling of paper, plastics, and aluminum

03 Electronic, paperless driver logs for route service associates

04 E-commerce platform as well as ACH payments to reduce paper transactions as well as mailings

05 Educational resources and classes on wellness and environmental sustainable practices

06 Scanning of all invoices to make available on-line for all customers to reduce the reprinting function