

Non-VOC Paints Only

- Reduces landfill waste
- Is water-based, which cleans up easily with soap and water, reducing the need to buy new paintbrushes as often.

Leftover paints are combined and used as back paint for sets and floors, preventing toxic chemicals from being poured down the drain.

Screws Instead of Nails

This recent change follows the idea of “cradle to cradle” –Objects built to be easily taken apart with each piece reusable in a new way.

The use of screws on the sets allows for removal and reuse of both screws and lumber.

All scrap metal including stripped screws and unneeded metal set pieces created are taken to George Mason’s recycling facility to be disposed of properly.

Battery Reuse

Batteries used during productions are saved in one place to be used again throughout the theatre whenever necessary. When fully depleted, used batteries are recycled in the e-waste bin on campus. Large drill batteries are taken to the local Home Depot for recycling.

Recently, the Harris Theatre on campus replaced **over 80 quartz bulbs with LED’s**, reducing the energy usage from 80,000 kWh to less than 1,000 kWh, equivalent to a savings of CO2 emissions from 5,431 gallons of gas consumed (EPA Greenhouse Gas Equivalencies Calculator, 2014)!