

# *TRADE RIVER RETREAT CENTER*

## ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES:

- All electricity is from my local electric co-op and I pay extra to have it sourced from wind and solar
- All finishes, paints, insulation that I have used in construction and refinishing are low VOC and non-toxic
- Recycling is very important to me. We pay to have a recycling bin at the end of the driveway.
- All food waste is composted in the compost bin next to the woodshed
- Water is pumped from our own well and tested for purity
- The toilet is a water-saving low-flush model
- There is a hand-washing station that sits on top of the toilet that uses clean in-coming water
- The woodstove is a high-efficiency woodstove with a catalytic converter to lessen smoke emissions
- I pay a local man to hand-cut and deliver locally-sourced split hardwood for the woodstove and sauna
- The wood for the fire pit is all harvested from our land
- Most all of the lights outside are solar powered
- All of the inside lights are high-efficiency LED bulbs
- The lawnmower is run by rechargeable batteries and the yard waste is mulched instead of bagged
- Most all of the yard power tools such as blowers and string-trimmers are run by rechargeable batteries
- Construction power tools such as drills and saws are also run by rechargeable batteries
- Most all cleaning products (pre-covid) are non-toxic natural products
- Paper products (toilet paper and paper towels) are made from 100% recycled paper
- All new towels and sheets are made from pesticide free organic cotton