

More than 150 Businesses Recognized in First Year of Washington's Green Business Program

Bremerton – [October 2, 2018] – EnviroStars, Washington's green business program, has helped more than 150 businesses of all sizes and type improve their sustainability during the program's first year.

The program connects businesses with local environmental assistance, resources and utility rebates. Businesses earn EnviroStars recognition by taking steps to green their facilities and operational practices such as replacing inefficient lighting with LEDs, composting food scraps and switching to safer cleaning products.



EnviroStars helps businesses implement best practices that save energy and water, generate less waste and pollution, and reduce their greenhouse gas emissions – choices that are both good for business and good for Washington's environment.

Kitsap Public Health District has helped several local businesses improve their environmental practices and gain recognition through EnviroStars, including Rolling Bay Automotive on Bainbridge Island.

Ranji Dhatt, owner of Rolling Bay Automotive said, "I have found that by being a part of the EnviroStars program, we have reduced waste streams and even saved money in the process. Having a model to bring awareness to our industry has certainly been helpful, and the staff is there for you to reach your goals. Start small and dream big; with time and a little effort you will make a difference in your community." Rolling Bay Automotive has consistently been focused on solutions that both make sense for the business and are environmentally positive. Mr. Dhatt has made significant efforts to increase energy efficiency, implement streamlined business practices that reduce waste generation, and reuse or recycle the waste they do generate.

Consumers can visit EnviroStars.org to find businesses of all types that share their environmental values – whether they're looking for a brewery, auto body shop, or insurance agency. Well-known Washington staples such as Chateau Ste. Michelle winery, Tom Douglas restaurants, and Fremont Brewing have joined EnviroStars, along with many more small businesses.

“We’ve long recognized that restaurants are huge users of resources,” said Bret Chatalas, co-owner of Cactus Restaurants, which recently had all five locations recognized by EnviroStars. “We have the power and responsibility to make a difference and it’s the right thing to do.”]

Kitsap Public Health District supports EnviroStars as part of a coalition of 21 Washington cities, counties, utilities, and local public health jurisdictions reaching from Whatcom County to Pierce County.

To find green businesses near you or get environmental assistance for your business, visit EnviroStars.org.

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