



## Washington's New Green Business Program Recognizes 100<sup>th</sup> Business

*EnviroStars reaches milestone with recognition of U.S. Cleaners in Kirkland*

SEATTLE – June 28, 2018 – The EnviroStars green business program has recognized its 100<sup>th</sup> business for environmental practices since launching statewide last fall. To receive EnviroStars recognition, businesses must follow a set of best practices for saving energy and water, reducing waste and pollution, choosing safer products, and cutting greenhouse gas emissions.

“EnviroStars was created to provide Washington businesses with a single, trusted resource for environmental assistance,” said Jenna McInnis, EnviroStars steering committee chair. “The fact that we’ve already recognized 100 organizations, and have more than 260 in the program pipeline, shows that we’re providing businesses with tangible benefits and giving consumers a way to find and support companies that share their values.”

Led by a coalition of 21 Washington cities, counties and utilities, including Kitsap Public Health District and Kitsap County Public Works, EnviroStars features a [central web portal](#) that links businesses to local environmental assistance and incentive programs and rewards them for the environmental actions they take.

EnviroStars recognized [U.S. Cleaners](#) in Kirkland as its 100<sup>th</sup> green business. The locally owned dry cleaner uses a hydrocarbon cleaning system. They were able to switch equipment from the more hazardous solvent Perchloroethylene that can harm employee health and the environment, using a financial incentive from an EnviroStars program member.

“We pride ourselves on taking care of our customers, and it’s important for us to be good stewards of the environment as well,” said U.S. Cleaners owner Joong Oh. “EnviroStars directed us to hands-on assistance from the Local Hazardous Waste Management Program in King County. They helped us follow through with actions that suited our small business. This will certainly save us money in the long run.”

In Kitsap County, there are now eight businesses that have earned EnviroStars recognition. To find green businesses, people can visit EnviroStars online directory or look for the mark on storefronts.

Business owners who want to join the EnviroStars program can learn more about the benefits from participating businesses in the [EnviroStars video](#).

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### ABOUT ENVIROSTARS

EnviroStars is a free, one-stop hub for Washington businesses to get information, help, financial incentives, and recognition for actions that protect their workplace, the community, and the planet. Led by a large coalition of cities, counties, and utilities, EnviroStars links businesses to local environmental programs and incentives that can help them take green actions and get recognized for it. By joining the EnviroStars program, businesses experience more efficiency, lower utility bills, greater comfort, improved worker safety, and a more healthy and productive workplace. Learn more at [envirostars.org](#).