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CLACKAMAS BUSINESS HONORED FOR RECYCLING AND WASTE PREVENTION EFFORTS.

Clackamas' Collier Arbor Care has been recognized by Clackamas County with a Distinguished Business Recycling Awards Group (BRAG) membership certificate and recycled glass plaque from the Clackamas County Recycle at Work Program.

Distinguished BRAG memberships go to high-achieving Clackamas County area businesses that recycle all curbside materials regularly, prevent waste with at least six ongoing activities, consistently buy recycled paper and other recycled products and demonstrate a commitment to continuous improvement.

Collier Arbor Care has gone well beyond recycling curbside materials, and it works with local suppliers to purchase recycled-content office supplies. It also recycles all tree and shrub debris and reuses packaging materials.

Recently, the company replaced its sales staff trucks with Volkswagens powered by biodiesel, which helps the firm reduce its carbon footprint. In addition, all chemical containers are triple-rinsed and Collier employees are working with a local agricultural recycler to recycle the containers along with empty fertilizer bags, shrink wrap, and other sheet film from packaging.

"This firm really stands out in its willingness to go the extra mile in recycling both at the office and out in the field.. Collier came to me to find out if there was more they could do," said Waste Reduction Specialist Shannon Martin of Clackamas County's Office of Sustainability.

The company received free technical assistance from Clackamas County's Recycle at Work staff. After a short visit, Martin helped update their internal and external recycling containers, provided free resources on the next steps to reduce waste and informed staff on the new commingling recycling system.

"This is something we have felt really strongly about for the last 20 years," said Collier President Terrill Collier. "Since we're in the 'green' business, we thought we needed to be a leader in sustainability."

Collier's services include a plant health care program, targeted insect and disease treatments, tree pruning and removal, organic based lawn care, spot weed control plus consulting and diagnosis.

Martin pointed out that the firm has been a leader in organic-based plant and tree care and that reducing its office waste stream is "another nice twist in that it also helps save trees, the thing they care most about because of the nature of their business."

For information about business recycling, the six-year-old BRAG Program or Supply Our Schools, call Clackamas County Recycle at work at 503-557-6363.



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