



Kenworth's Renton Plant Receives 2013 Best Workplace For Waste Prevention and Recycling Award From King County

Also Earns Honor Roll Status

KIRKLAND, Wash. – The Kenworth Truck Company assembly plant in Renton, Wash., recently received a 2013 Best Workplace for Waste Prevention and Recycling Award from the King County (Wash.) Solid Waste Division for its exceptional efforts to reduce, reuse and recycle.

It marked the fifth consecutive year that Kenworth - Renton has received the award, which enabled the plant to achieve King County's prestigious Honor Roll status.



“We operate a comprehensive and extensive, employee-driven waste prevention and recycling program focused on a goal of zero waste to the landfill,” said Judy McTigue, Kenworth-Renton plant manager. “The program involves a collaborative undertaking by our employees to reduce, reuse and recycle on a daily basis. We thank King County for this special recognition of our environmental efforts.”

The Kenworth – Renton's Zero Waste to Landfill initiative features the recycling of paper, cardboard, wood, plastics, metals, engine oils, batteries, electronics, light bulbs, toner cartridges, and cooking oil used in the cafeteria. The program includes returnable shipping containers, reduced packaging material, and waste-stream segregation. To achieve additional improvements, the plant is working on increasing the use of reusable shipping racks to further reduce wood waste. A comprehensive energy management system also helps minimize impact on the environment.

In addition, Kenworth-Renton's cafeteria uses food waste composting and sends waste to Cedar Grove Composting in Renton for recycling into useable compost. Future plans are to expand the composting program by purchasing more compostable cups and cutlery, and to begin composting paper towels from restrooms.

This year, the Kenworth – Renton plant is celebrating its 20th anniversary. Kenworth Truck Company, which marks its 90th anniversary this year, first began building Kenworth trucks in the Seattle area in 1923 at its assembly plant then located on Mercer Street near Lake Union in Seattle.

In addition to its latest award, Kenworth-Renton received a 2012 Gold Award from the King County Industrial Waste Program earlier this year. The award is for compliance with the plant's industrial wastewater discharge permit, and recognizes the plant for one year of no wastewater violations of any kind covering discharge, permit, ordinance, reporting, self-monitoring, and King County monitoring. The plant has now received the Gold Award for 14 consecutive years.

Kenworth's plants in Renton, Wash., and Chillicothe, Ohio, both hold the prestigious ISO 14001:2004 certification for effective environmental management systems established to help build Class 8 trucks in an environmentally sustainable manner. Kenworth's medium duty products are produced at the PACCAR manufacturing facility in Ste. Therese, Que., which also holds ISO 14001:2004 status.

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