



ENVIROSTARS

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Watson Furniture Group

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"The EnviroStars program has encouraged us to strengthen our commitment at all levels of business, including waste reduction & outreach to our corporate partners"

*--Clif McKenzie, President of
Watson Furniture Group*

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- ★ Promotes your good environmental standing to customers.
- ★ Helps consumers patronize environmentally sound businesses.

OTHER BENEFITS

- ★ Free print and internet advertising.
- ★ Free technical assistance minimizes environmental liabilities.
- ★ EnviroStars decal, certificate, and use of the logo.
- ★ Consideration for regional environmental awards.

BE AN ENVIROSTAR

- ★ To become certified as an EnviroStar call 360-692-3611.

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Congratulations to Watson Furniture Group for qualifying as a 5-star EnviroStars business! The EnviroStars program recognizes businesses for reducing and properly managing their hazardous waste.

Watson Furniture has reduced and or eliminated the use of many hazardous products resulting in an overall reduction in hazardous waste. As a result they won the Governor's Award for Pollution Prevention and Sustainable Practices in 2002.

Watson continues to demonstrate their commitment to the environment by earning the top 5 star rating from EnviroStars. The accomplishments that facilitated this includes; proper product and waste storage, the use of less toxic cleaning materials, the use of an inventory system and purchasing system to reduce excess waste and educating employees. Some specific examples of their innovative pollution prevention practices include; use of water based stains and finishes, use of soybean based cleaner/waxer, citrus based thinner, and water based glue/contact adhesive.



Watson EnviroStar team
Left to right: Mark, Julia, Kevin, Mark and Ed.

Watson also recycles wood waste, steel, cardboard, batteries, paints, oil, greases and paper. They blanket wrap products to reduce packaging, and they sugar blast parts instead of sand blasting. To prevent and contain spills, secondary containers are placed under hazardous waste and spill absorbent materials are also readily available. A written spill plan is also posted. Watson also actively communicates their environmental commitment through display pieces in the lobby of the business, factory tours, website, company brochures and tradeshow.

All these steps are significant in reducing the amount of hazardous waste entering the environment.

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