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Woodburn Auto Dealer Awarded Marion County's EarthWISE Certification

Hillyer's Mid-City Ford of Woodburn is the newest business to qualify for EarthWISE certification. Certification is achieved when businesses commit to sustainable practices that meet Marion County's EarthWISE standards.

Hillyer staff have committed to recycling so enthusiastically that they have been able to eliminate their garbage service. "We sort and separate all of the waste that we generate, then reuse or recycle everything possible," said service manager Jeramy Padrick. This includes hundreds of cardboard containers, automotive fluids like oil and antifreeze, and metal parts.

To decrease paper waste, staff has replaced paper towels in the shop and employee bathrooms with washable towels. Janitorial staff improves company compliance by pulling recyclables from desk side trashcans.

Other sustainable efforts that have resulted in both energy and economic savings include switching the entire dealership to more efficient lighting while adding timers and sensors to eliminate unnecessary usage.

EarthWISE is a free environmental assistance program offered to all businesses and non-profits in Marion County. For more information about the EarthWISE program call 503-365-3188 or visit the web at: www.co.marion.or.us/PW/ES/earthwise.

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