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### **Marion County Re-Certifies Medical Facility as EarthWISE**

Willamette Ear, Nose, Throat (ENT) & Facial Plastic Surgery and River Road Surgery Center have recently been EarthWISE Re-Certified. Certification is achieved when businesses commit to sustainable practices that meet Marion County's EarthWISE standards.

"They were the first business to meet the EarthWISE criteria back in 2007," said Alan Pennington, waste reduction coordinator for Marion County Public Works, "and they continue to innovatively find new ways to reduce waste and recycle more.

Willamette ENT & Facial Plastic Surgery and River Road Surgery Center are the only medical facility in Marion County participating in a full medical recycling program. Partnering with Garten Services and D&O Garbage, they created a program similar to Providence Hospital's nationally recognized efforts in Portland. They have also offered encouragement and support to other medical facilities to follow in their footsteps.

Complimenting their EarthWISE certification efforts, Willamette ENT & Facial Plastic Surgery and River Road Surgery Center installed solar electrical panels and a permeable pavement pathway and parking lot to reduce storm water contamination. "We are striving for medical excellence that is combined with sustainable efforts," said Linda Nishioka, director of facial plastic services. "Being EarthWISE certified shows that we believe we are making an important contribution to our community."

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](http://www.co.marion.or.us/PW/ES/earthwise).

*Photo Caption: Alicia Borrego, Shelly Fisher, Linda Nishioka, and Patty Sedivy of Willamette Ear, Nose, Throat & Facial Plastic Surgery and River Road Surgery Center, receive their EarthWISE plaque upon their recent re-certification for meeting EarthWISE standards for sustainability.*

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