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CCCF inmates create watering system for grounds

In the fight for water conservation, women in custody who work in the welding, wood, and paint shops at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility (CCCF) recently revamped an old utility trailer to create a more efficient watering system, which helps reduce water waste.

The women in the paint shop disassembled an old trailer to sand, repaint, and reassemble. The women in the wood shop cut and fitted a new wood floor with scrap lumber and then finished it with lacquer. From unused corrugated metal, the women in the welding shop built a rack to hold two 55 gallon tanks made from soap drums. The tanks are mechanized with a pump run by batteries. The new system allows for watering plants only where it is needed, thus reducing waste in a limited water supply.

CCCF is a multi-custody facility in Wilsonville that houses more than 1,200 women. It provides intake and evaluation of all female and male inmates committed to state custody. CCCF delivers a range of correctional services and programs including alcohol and drug treatment, education, work opportunities, cognitive programming, and pre-release services. The minimum facility opened in 2001 and the medium facility opened in 2002. CCCF is Oregon's only women's prison.



A repurposed utility trailer aids in water conservation at CCCF.



Watering trailer at CCCF revamped by women in custody.

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