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Oregon Department of Corrections honored with local green award

The Oregon Department of Corrections (DOC) was named Recycler of the Year on Saturday, March 1, at the 2014 Mid-Valley Green Awards Ceremony in Salem. The awards honor and celebrate sustainable, earth-conscious, and responsible companies, organizations, and individuals.

Over the past several years, DOC has employed sustainable strategies such as reducing energy consumption, enhancing recycling efforts, and investing in gardening and composting. The agency is continually looking at new and innovative approaches to sustainability.

One approach is the development of a fully operational recycle center to collect all recyclables from the department's 14 prisons. The center currently recycles the following items:

- Cardboard
- Ballistic vests
- Batteries
- Five-gallon plastic buckets
- Plastics and clear shrink wrap film
- Fabric/textiles
- Shoes
- Foam
- Wood
- Paper
- Lead
- Metals
- Fluorescent bulbs and ballasts
- E-Waste
- Chip bags

DOC recognizes the need for conservation and the efficient use of resources every day. It is committed to being a good steward of the earth's natural resources and reducing impacts to the environment; reducing the cost of doing business; serving as examples for adults in custody to follow when they transition back to their communities; and assisting in making Oregon's communities healthier.

For a complete list of nominees and awards, please visit <http://www.midvalleygreenawards.org/>.

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