



Idaho Department of Environmental Quality Pollution Prevention Champion

Albertsons, Inc.

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Environmental Commitment

Every Albertsons store is committed to the environment and recycling-not only for this generation of shoppers, but for generations to come.

Pollution Prevention Success

Innovation

Albertsons helped develop the Common Footprint produce container designed to stack, ship and display produce. The box is used to transport 50% of all produce shipped to Albertsons stores. Results of the new design include less produce damage and less waste. Unlike traditional produce boxes, the Common Footprint box is not waxed and can be recycled. Albertsons Inc. recycles over 300,000 tons of cardboard a year.

Conservation

Albertsons reduced electricity consumption nationwide by 437 million kilowatt hours through energy efficient lighting, timed lights, turning off excess lighting and modifying refrigeration and HVAC units.

Green Purchasing

At its Boise headquarters, Albertsons installed recyclable carpet made, in part, of recycled plastic and recycled the old carpet, thereby preventing 120 tons of material from entering Ada County's Hidden Hollow Landfill.

Technology

Albertsons uses compactor pressure gauges that indicate when a compactor is full and ready to be hauled. This technology, first tested in Idaho stores, reduces compactor hauls (and truck trips) to the landfill and minimizes costs.

Leadership

Albertsons continues to be an environmental and civic leader, winning state and local environmental awards, serving on community environmental committees and donating over 20 million pounds of food to local food banks. In Idaho, several Albertsons stores have been recognized by Idaho's GEMStars environmental leadership program. Additionally, the General Offices and Ice Cream Plant have received the City of Boise's EnviroGuard pollution prevention award.

For More Information

For more information, visit the Albertsons website.

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