



Idaho Department of Environmental Quality Pollution Prevention Champion

WinCo Foods
Boise, Idaho
2011

Environmental Commitment

WinCo Foods has made significant strides to reduce pollution and energy use at its grocery facilities. In addition to operating in Idaho, the company has facilities in Washington, Nevada, California, and Oregon. In Idaho, WinCo Foods has chosen to pioneer innovative approaches to preventing pollution and reducing energy use. For example, the company has recently installed solar-powered lights in the parking lot of its downtown Boise retail store. The company is focused on becoming more energy efficient, reducing waste, and in the process, preventing pollution.

Pollution Prevention Success

WinCo Foods has successfully prevented pollution through three key strategies: minimizing waste, using environmentally preferable purchasing practices, and conserving energy and water. The impacts from these strategies are helping to protect Idaho's land, air, and water.

Waste Minimization

WinCo Foods has undertaken steps to reduce the waste it generates through recycling cardboard and plastic used by its retail facilities.

Environmentally Preferable Purchasing

For 2011, WinCo Foods has chosen to install refrigeration units in its retail stores that use a more environmentally friendly form of refrigerant.

Energy and Water Conservation

WinCo Foods has undertaken several steps to conserve energy at its retail facilities. It has installed more efficient heating, cooling, and refrigeration units, reducing its demand for electricity and subsequently avoiding pollution associated with energy production. Additionally, WinCo Foods has added on-demand LED lighting activated by motion sensors and added sky lights in the roofs of its retail stores to reduce daytime electric lighting needs. Most recently, the company has installed solar-powered light poles in the parking lot of its downtown facility. These poles feed electricity back into the grid during the day and offset the amount of energy used by the parking lot lamps to light the lot during nighttime hours. This action has further reduced the energy demand of WinCo Foods' downtown retail store and subsequently the pollution associated with the generation of electricity.

For More Information

To learn more about WinCo Foods' pollution prevention efforts, visit the company's website at <http://www.wincofoods.com/about/green-initiatives/>.

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