



News Release

North Dakota Solid Waste & Recycling Association

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Grafton's Marvin Windows & Doors Receives Greener North Dakota Award

Grafton, N.D. (Jan. 19, 2007) – Marvin Windows and Doors received the Greener North Dakota Award for playing an integral role in the proper management of solid waste in North Dakota. By incorporating environmental priorities into the design of its products, Marvin continually strives to recycle, prevent pollution, manage their waste and educate employees, proving a strong commitment to their environment.

Taking the step to recycle consumer products such as aluminum cans, paper and magazines and pop bottles is something any company or individual can do; but at Marvin, they have gone above and beyond the standards. At their facility, industrial items that are recycled include wood, aluminum and scrap metal, plastic shrink wrap, cardboard, screen material, batteries, light bulbs, used oil and filters, aerosol cans, computers, printers and toner cartridges.

With its primary focus of window manufacturing, the item most used and recycled at the facility is wood. Since opening in 1998, the company has recycled over 5 million pounds of wood byproduct. Some of this is sent to other Marvin facilities where it is used as an alternative fuel source in their boiler systems. Even more impressive is the energy savings and a cleaner indoor air environment the company has obtained by converting from propane powered forklifts to electric ones. With such a large facility, it is remarkable that they produce less than 85 pounds of hazardous waste annually. "Every standard work process is evaluated and non-hazardous products are introduced when possible. A perfect example is how Marvin Windows uses a water based primer that is free of hazardous air pollutants in their spray booth application process," states Todd Brady, Team Leader of the Safety and Environmental Division at Marvin.

By their commitment to prioritizing waste reduction, pollution prevention and employee education, the advantages reach beyond the walls of Marvin to their customers and communities served.

The Greener North Dakota Award is provided to businesses and communities in recognition of their positive environmental efforts through solid waste management, renewable energy or pollution reduction. These businesses and communities are recognized for making an impact on North Dakota's environmental waste reduction goal of 40 percent. They are also recognized for using recyclables products for manufacturing end use and job creation.

The Greener North Dakota Award, presented by the North Dakota Solid Waste and Recycling Association (NDSWRA), acknowledges businesses, organizations, communities and individuals who are working to keep recyclable materials out of North Dakota landfills, waterways and airways.

If you are a North Dakota resident and you wish to recognize those in your community, local government, businesses, non-profit groups or individuals that play a vital part in improving North Dakota's environment, you can obtain a nomination form at www.ndswra.org or contact the NDSWRA at (701) 2650-8857.