

Missouri State Recycling Program Annual Awards

Each year the State Recycling Program accepts nominations for the Annual Recycling Award. Employees, departments, or agencies are eligible to be nominated for outstanding contributions made in the areas of recycling collection, waste reduction, and/or recycled content procurement. Members of the Missouri Interagency Recycling Committee review the nominations and vote for an individual and agency award. The State Recycling Program encourages nominators to submit information demonstrating the *value* of the nominee's recycling efforts. *Value* could include costs avoided, revenue generated, ongoing leadership/commitment/passion/enthusiasm, environmental benefits, etc.

FY11 Annual Recycling Awards

Individual Award: Douglas Dunn, Missouri Department of Natural Resources

During the fiscal year, Doug not only ensured recycling happened within the Department of Natural Resources, but also helped to facilitate recycling for other state agencies. In particular Doug helped to coordinate shipment of a load of fluorescent lamps from Social Services, the Capitol, and the Department of Elementary & Secondary Education. His efforts saved these state agencies money and insured these potentially toxic lamps were properly recycled. His efforts insured nearly 5,000 fluorescent lamps were recycled in FY11.

Doug was cognizant of making every effort to recycle materials that were no longer needed by the department when consolidating warehouse space during the year. Over a ton of paper was recovered and numerous other items were diverted from the landfill during this process.



L. to R. Governor Nixon, Douglas Dunn

Agency Award: Northwest Missouri State University — Community Recycling Project



L. to R. John Viau, Governor Nixon, Lezlee Johnson

Northwest Missouri State University (Northwest) is the recipient of this year's team award. Collaboration and cooperation are recurring themes in Northwest's nomination.

For many years Northwest has recycled paper, cardboard, magazines, and newspapers by utilizing an on-campus pelletizing process that allows these materials to be used as an alternative fuel in its boiler plant. These recycled paper pellets along with wood chips allowed Northwest to produce almost half of its total 2009-2010 energy needs.

Recently Northwest in cooperation with the City of Maryville launched the "Reduce Your Paw Print: Taking it to the Community" campaign to offer glass and paper recycling opportunities to the community of Maryville. This project involved numerous departments at the University and a great deal of cooperation with the City of

Maryville. Their teamwork resulted in four custom collection containers – designed and built by university staff – being placed throughout the community. Since the project was launched a request for a fifth collection container was made by a local hospital.

Northwest has taken a leadership role with recycling that has not only been beneficial to the university, but the businesses and citizens of Maryville, as well as the students who are learning – first-hand – about the value of recycling.

Honorable Mention

The State Recycling Program thanks those who took the time to make a nomination and at the same time wants to recognize the patience, passion, and persistence that the nominees have exercised with their efforts to reduce, reuse, and recycle state government waste.

State Agency Honorable Mention

Ozark Correctional Center — Missouri Department of Corrections