



## City of Edmonds Media Release

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### **MORE THAN 150 BUSINESSES RECOGNIZED IN 1<sup>ST</sup> YEAR OF STATE ENVIROSTARS PROGRAM**

*Edmonds Has One Certified Green Business and Several in Process*

**(Edmonds, WA)** - EnviroStars, Washington's green business program, has helped more than 150 businesses of all sizes and type improve their sustainability during the program's first year across the region and state.

The program connects businesses with local environmental assistance, resources and utility rebates. Businesses earn EnviroStars recognition by taking steps to green their facilities and operational practices such as replacing inefficient lighting with LEDs, composting food scraps and switching to safer cleaning products.

"EnviroStars helps businesses implement best practices that save energy and water, generate less waste and pollution, and reduce their greenhouse gas emissions – choices that are both good for business and good for our local and regional environment," commented Edmonds Economic Development and Community Services Director Patrick Doherty.

Edmonds has worked with several local businesses to improve their environmental practices and gain recognition through EnviroStars, including Edmonds' first certified green business, Walnut Street Coffee. In the next couple of months the City expects to see more businesses to join the ranks of Walnut Street Coffee and become certified EnviroStars businesses.

Remarking about the benefits of the program, Pam Stuller, owner of Walnut Street Coffee, offered the following observations: “When we opened, it was shocking to see how much trash our coffee shop created. We filled a commercial dumpster each week. So early on in our business, we committed to reducing our footprint in as many ways as possible.” Stuller goes on to say, “We were excited to participate in EnviroStars and stand beside a diverse range of businesses that all go the extra mile to lessen their impact on the environment.”

In fact, Stuller hosted an EnviroStars business meet-up on July 9<sup>th</sup> to help acquaint local businesses and other interested parties with the EnviroStars program and hear first-hand about a local success.

Consumers can visit [EnviroStars.org](http://EnviroStars.org) to find businesses of all types that share their environmental values – whether they’re looking for a brewery, auto body shop, or insurance agency. Well-known Washington staples such as Chateau Ste. Michelle winery, Tom Douglas restaurants, and Fremont Brewing have joined EnviroStars, along with Walnut Street Coffee and many more small businesses in the Puget Sound area.

Edmonds supports EnviroStars as part of a coalition of 21 Washington cities, counties, utilities, and local public health jurisdictions reaching from Whatcom County to Pierce County.

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