
North Kitsap Fire & Rescue

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“We need to set the example for others. EnviroStars helps us accomplish our waste management goals and guide future decisions”

--Bob Matheny, Apparatus Maintenance Supervisor

Congratulations to North Kitsap Fire and Rescue for earning a **4 star** rating as an EnviroStars business. They are the first fire district in Kitsap County to become an EnviroStar. The EnviroStars program recognizes businesses that properly manage and reduce hazardous waste.



The maintenance facility at North Kitsap Fire and Rescues services all its own fleet vehicles, as well as most of Jefferson County's through an inter-local agreement. Wastes generated on site are either recycled or disposed of using licensed hazardous waste vendors. The shop recycles its own antifreeze and re-uses it in fleet vehicles. Used oil, oil filters, brake fluid, scrap metal, tires, fluorescent tubes and automotive batteries are all recycled through licensed service vendors.

To prevent and contain spills, the shop uses secondary containment in its waste accumulation area and oil absorbent pads underneath potentially leaking vehicles. Two aqueous parts washers help reduce the quantity of waste generated and fire hazards. A 4000-gallon underground storage tank is

installed underneath the shop to prevent spills and contaminants from reaching storm water drains. The tank is pumped and cleaned by a licensed tank cleaning service as needed and the wastewater sent to a licensed treatment facility. Funnels, catch basins, and pumps are also used for spill control. Spill kits are set up in the shop and all employees are trained in spill prevention and emergency response procedures.

Bob Matheny goes a step further beyond proper waste management. He purchases used equipment and supplies for his shop from state and federal surplus materials programs. In addition, employees are involved in product selection to help reduce the use of more hazardous or toxic products.