



# ENVIROSTARS

## Success Story

### West Sound Tech- Automotive Technology

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**"Professional Attitude - Its Everything!"**

Mark Franklin, Automotive Technology Instructor



#### ENVIROSTARS

- Promotes your good environmental standing to customers.
- Helps customers patronize environmentally sound businesses.

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- Free newspaper and radio advertising.
- EnviroStars decal, logo and certificate.
- Nominations for regional environmental awards.

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West Sound Tech- Automotive Technology has earned the top EnviroStars award – 5 stars – for its pollution prevention efforts and innovative automotive repair education program.

Water and detergent based cleaning systems are used to clean parts and brakes. Motor oil and antifreeze are picked up by a hazardous waste vendor and sent for recycling. Oil filters are crushed, drained, and sent for recycling back into steel products.

The shop also recycles fluorescent tubes, as well as scrap metal and other solid wastes. Used tires are sent to a local tire dealer where they are then sent out to be recycled back into rubber products. Recycling goes beyond just automotive wastes. In fact, the entire West Sound Tech campus has a comprehensive recycling program including recycling of office paper, aluminum, glass, plastics, packaging materials, and rechargeable batteries.



Left to right: Mark Franklin, Seth Coleman, Kathrin Carr

The Automotive Tech program incorporates environmental stewardship into its curriculum. Students are required to know how to read a Material Safety Data Sheet for all hazardous products they use. Shop operations training includes spill response, proper waste management and pollution prevention.

Mark Franklin, Lead Instructor in the Automotive Technology department, has been instrumental in setting up these programs. His commitment to his students and pollution prevention in the shop are a good example of Environmental Stewardship.