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HUSKIE MAKES SMART ENVIRONMENTAL CHOICES

Company commits to making changes that all business to operate in an earth-friendly manner.

GLENDALE HEIGHTS, IL – October 1, 2010– The two black bins just outside of the lunchroom are always a conversation starter. “We didn’t want to throw our food scraps in the garbage and add to the landfill,” Senior Human Resources Business Partner Laura Norek explains. “So, we started two worm composting bins.” The worm composting bins are just the beginnings of what Huskie does to be more “green” in the workplace.

When the Green Team first began, the team tried to educate themselves on recycling, but quickly realized that actually “Being Green” went a lot deeper than throwing paper in the recycling bin. With the help of SCARCE (School and Community Assistance for Recycling and Composting Education), Huskie did a Green Audit to find out what was being wasted and negatively impacting the environment.

After the audit, Huskie made a few key changes including, replacing a garbage container with two recycling containers, glass coffee mugs for each employee to eliminate Styrofoam and plastic cups that are non-recyclable, placing “air scrubbing” plants around the office to remove toxins from the air, and replaced all warehouse and office lights with LED lights.

Huskie was able to earn the Earth Flag from SCARCE after making the changes and volunteering at a community event that benefits the environment. “Being green has become an ongoing theme at Huskie,” Chief Operating Officer Lorelee Pearson said. “We evaluate the environmental impact of all our decisions.”

Huskie, a hydraulic tool company for the utility industry, makes sure to recycle all parts of the tools and the batteries.

And, in case you're still thinking about those worm composting bins, Huskie uses the "worm tea" to water the office plants and when the worms create soil, Huskie can use it to start more plants inside and outside.

About Huskie Tools

Since 1977, Huskie Tools (based in Glendale Heights, Illinois) has continued to set industry standards by developing the largest selection of battery-operated precision hydraulic compression and cutting products sold in North America. For more information, visit www.huskietools.com. To learn more about Huskie's green efforts, go to <http://www.huskietools.com/GreenHuskie.cfm>.

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