

WATERSMART BUSINESS

Tucson Water is committed to honoring local businesses that have shown their commitment to sustainable business practices and water efficiency by participating in the WaterSmart Business Program. Tucson Water would like to congratulate the following businesses in being certified as WaterSmart Businesses. They were recently honored at the Inaugural WaterSmart Business Awards Ceremony and received awards from the Governor's Office and City of Tucson presented by Mayor Bob Walkup.

Intuit, Inc. of Tucson



Along with being dedicated to small business support through personal finance software, marketing, payroll, credit card processing and website builder services, Intuit is also dedicated to sustainable business practices.

In terms of water efficiency, Intuit has invested in many indoor water saving fixtures such as motion-sensor faucets, waterless urinals, faucet aerators, and high efficiency kitchen sprayers. Here are some of the changes they have made over the last three years. Intuit of Tucson has achieved water savings of 31% overall between 2006 and 2009.

Inside (30% savings)

- Changed all bathroom faucets to motions sensors
- All urinals are now waterless fixtures
- Installed .375 gallon per minutes faucet aerators in all bathroom faucets
- Planning to purchase dual flush valves for all toilets
- Installed high pressure pre-rinse sprayer for washing dishes



Outside (36% savings)

- Trained security guards to shut off water if they see a leak
- Cut planting of annual flowers by 2/3 and reduced maintenance and water costs
- Separate irrigation sub meter was installed to better monitor their outdoor water use and find leaks
- Installed misting system shutoff switch and signs for employees

The Colton Company at Williams Center



The Colton Company, along with providing luxurious office space, now provides the citizens of Tucson with the option of doing business with a company dedicated to sustainable business practices.

The Colton Company of the Williams Centre has overseen comprehensive landscaping and irrigation efficiency improvements, resulting in a significant reduction in water use.

Most of their improvements focused on outdoor uses of water. They spent \$80,000 removing grass and improving their irrigation system and expect to make that back in water

bill savings in less than 2 years! Their water bills have been reduced as much 75% during certain months with an average of 49% as a result of these improvements.

Outside

- Removed grass along medians, hillsides and away from sidewalks and roads.
- Created a 6' buffer between sidewalk and grass to reduce run off onto walkways
- Replaced spray irrigation heads with high efficiency multi-stream rotors



- Replaced over 1/3 of all grass with desert adapted plants & gravel
- Replaced old irrigation system pipes & valves
- Replaced annual garden beds with desert adapted and native plants
- Replaced bubbler irrigation heads with multi-port drip system
- Installed wind & soil moisture sensors to better manage irrigation applications
- Security guards trained in leak detection
- Separate irrigation meters for improved water management

Inside

- Converted urinals to 1 gallon per flush
- Installed motion sensor faucets



Interested in becoming a WaterSmart Business?

Please contact the Tucson Water Department Conservation Specialist Ilene Grossman at (520) 837-2187. For details on how to apply and more information about the program visit our website: <http://www.tucsonaz.gov/water/rebate.htm>