

Business Notes

Donations

To help businesses in New York State comply with a new law mandating responsible electronic waste recycling, eRecycleNY launched its New York office, offering an EPA-compliant option for businesses needing to dispose of electronic items. The company's "Save our Planet, Save our Schools" program will remit a percentage of referred sales to parent-teacher associations at participating public schools. Beginning Jan. 1, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation: Electronic Equipment Reuse and Recycling Act will require all businesses in the state to recycle their e-waste, including old or obsolete computers, hard drives, monitors and other electronic devices, at a certified electronics recycling facility.

Recognition

Construction of Mutual Housing at the Highlands in Sacramento, Calif., has just been completed using green building practices. It was built with precut lumber, reducing construction waste, and it performed recycling during construction. Installation of 40-year roof shingles and the use of fly ash in the concrete added to resource conservation. A community-wide trash masher also was put in.

ECS Refining, a leader in electronic waste recycling and end-of-life services, has been named to the 2011 Inc. 500 | 5000 List, a ranking of the nation's fastest-growing private companies. ECS Refining was ranked 2,896 with year-to-year growth of 96%.

Fremont, Ohio-based Crown Mats and Matting, one of the oldest and largest matting manufacturers in the United States, announced that the company has made significant strides to operate in a more environmentally responsible manner. The company is recycling much of the PVC, scrap material, vinyl trimmings and vinyl foam used to make mats, the company said. A total of about 25,000 pounds of scrap material is trucked from the company every four to six weeks. Crown also recovers volatile organic compounds from its effluent waste. This reclamation process scrubs and purifies any exhaust related to the manufacturing process, which is then safely released into the environment.

Awards

Delaware North Companies Parks & Resorts has received an award from the National Park Service for its composting programs at Yosemite National Park. The company, which runs Yosemite's visitor services, including lodging, dining, recreation, retail and transportation services, earned the environmental achievement award because of the success of its composting program, which began in 2009. Through November 2010, the composting operation had diverted 216 tons of organic waste from Yosemite's kitchens and restaurants to a local composting facility, the company reported.

Facilities

Ben Weitsman of Jamestown, N.Y., a facility new to the Upstate Shredding – Ben Weitsman & Son family of companies, recently underwent extensive renovations and environmental upgrades. The companies closed on the Jamestown property in May. The facility has since benefited from \$4 million in upgrades to the yard, including environmental, security and energy efficiency improvements. New equipment investments were also made to turn the Jamestown facility into a state-of-the-art scrap metal operation.