



# Waste Watcher

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Quarterly, electronic newsletter for state agency resource & sustainability coordinators



## DAS Buildings Savings Update

The data is always two months behind due to billing cycles. All bills are compared to the calendar year 2000 as a baseline. The goal and OAR requirement is a 20% reduction in electricity and natural gas usage. The buildings without baseline adjustments are not normalized for weather or any other factors. Electricity is reported in kilowatt-hours (kWh) and gas in therms; the % column is combined electric and gas savings in Btu's compared to the year 2000 usage; and the cost is combined electric and gas; not all utilities. This list does not include all DAS-owned or operated buildings. Detailed graphs are available upon request.

January–October 2008 data\*\* are as follows:

	Billed Electricity	Billed Gas	% change
• Agriculture:	859,030	14,650	-32%
• Albina:	2,72,727	5,540	-36%
• Archives:	829,493	24,304	-37%
• Blind Comm:	315,380	11,50	63%
• Burns:	409,071	---	28%
• Data Center	4,482,841	6,304	NA
• Central Pt:	393,064	11,553	-73%
• Employ:	2,007,701	---	45%
• Executive:	725,234	6,744	-2%
• Gen Svcs:	724,817	9,644	-2%
• GS Annex:	65,471	591	-2%
• Hum Svcs:	3,464,453	35,737	-15%
• L&I:	2,728,573	34,839	-5%
• Library:	451,361	9,048	-4%
• NMOB:	148,3844	11,173	-27%
• NPSOB:	283,202	7,317	-44%
• OPSOB:	146,771	1,939	-36%
• Port SOB:	2,909,418	18,488	-38%
• Port MP:	148,432	2,931	-2%
• Print Plant:	1,255,472	4,555	-26%
• Prop Dist:	191,864	11,645	-17%
• Pub Svc:	2,097,844	2,700	-15%
• Pub Utility:	1,384,105	1,386	-10%
• Real Estate:	192,461	4,754	-13%
• Revenue:	3,974,181	36,705	-43%
• Salem MP:	322,222	10,839	-20%
• Spring MP:	72,597	1,133	-17%
<b>TOTAL DAS*:</b>	<b>32,323,802</b>	<b>25,9886</b>	<b>-27%</b>

Note: DAS is investigating factors for buildings not meeting 20% goal. N/A = new baselines being developed to ensure accuracy.

\*The DAS total percent change includes buildings whose baselines need to be adjusted. The % will change when these adjustments occur.

\*\*DAS has not received many bills and some usage figures are estimated. DAS did not want to estimate costs and will update the cost column once the bills are received and data entry caught up.



## Night Audits

DAS conducts monthly night audits of one building. The intent is to track how agencies in the buildings follow the Resource Conservation policy, and to answer any questions from staff as we walk by. The team audited the Revenue and Agriculture buildings in September and October. The following were items left on in cubicles after the staff had gone home for the day.

### Revenue Building

Around 1,000 people work in the building, with an annual energy cost of \$472,620. In a year, the items left on equal about \$35,000, which is nearly one month's cost.

- \*721 monitors
- \*13 projector screens in conference rooms
- \*94 computers
- \*9 task lights

### Agriculture

Around 450 people work in the building, with an annual energy cost of \$118,905. In a year, the items left on equal about \$6,002.

- \*86 monitors
- \* Almost all printers and copiers in sleep mode
- \*16 computers
- \*2 task lights

The Resource Conservation policy is under revision and DAS welcomes feedback. Contact Elin Shepard at 503-373-7132 if you have comments. If you'd like to join, or start, an energy committee for your building and participate in night audits, contact Alison Christensen at 503-378-6580.

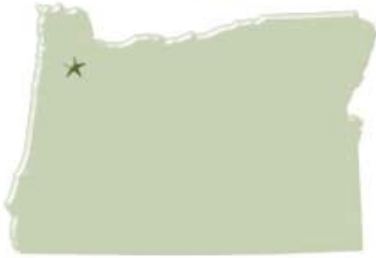


## New Paper Towels

While paper towels are not the sexiest item in our building maintenance arsenal, they have a major impact on sustainability. Every year, DAS buys tons of paper towels. Recently, Waxie, the company from whom DAS purchases paper towels, bought a different kind. We were delighted to learn about the additional sustainability attributes.

- The towels have more recycled content.
- The towels are Green Seal certified.
- There are less harmful chemicals used during manufacturing.
- They are locally produced, which results in a very short carbon trail and supports the local economy.
- They are produced by a woman owned, emerging small business.

## STATE OF OREGON SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS



OREGON  
ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT



DAS DEPARTMENT OF  
ADMINISTRATIVE  
SERVICES

Department of Land  
Conservation and  
Development



### Oregon Sustainability Awards

The Oregon Business Council's Leadership Summit in Portland hosted the ceremony for the second, annual awards on December 11. Secretary of State, Bill Bradbury, presented the awards to the recipients.

- Small business winners:
  - Sokol Blosser Winery, Dundee, OR
  - Full Sail Brewing, Hood River, OR
  - Klamath Brewing, Klamath Falls, OR
- Large business winner: New Seasons Market, Portland, OR
- NGO/Government winner: ShoreBank Enterprise Cascadia, Astoria, OR
- Project winner: Eugene 08 Olympic Trial Committee

#### Finalists:

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|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| - Artemis Foods       | - ODOT – Solar Highway Project   |
| - DeSantis Landscapes | - Oregon Institute of Technology |
| - Green Hammer        | - Steele Associates Architects   |
| - Intel               | - Tillamook Forest Center        |

### Tips of the Month Foam

Fresh Start Market on Center Street accepts clean, dry block packing foam, meat trays, egg cartons or takeout containers. They won't accept packing peanuts, but most shipping stores will accept them. Fresh Start Market is at 3020 Center Street NE. They are open 9-5 on weekdays.

### Athletic Shoes

Don't toss your used athletic shoes in the trash. If the shoes are in decent condition, donate them to area thrift stores. If they have seen better days, take clean and dry shoes to Gallagher Fitness at 233 Commercial St. NE in Salem. They are ground up and used as a surface for school tracks across the nation.

*Sent in by Karen Hartley,  
DAS SPO and John Bickers,  
DAS HRSD – thanks, guys!*



### ANNUAL SUSTAINABLE HOLIDAYS REMINDER

Did you know that between Thanksgiving and New Year's Americans throw away 25% more trash nationwide? That amounts to about an extra one million tons of waste each week. Here are a few ideas to reducing waste during the holidays:

- ★ **Think reuse.** Need a fancy holiday outfit or new stuff for the house, think antique or consignment stores.
- ★ **Make your own gift wrap and ribbons.** Use stamps, stencils, comics, pictures from magazines, napkins, towels, or tablecloths.
- ★ **Recycle wrapping paper** curbside.
- ★ When buying electronic toys and other portable items, remember to **buy rechargeable batteries** to go with them.
- ★ **Consolidate last minute shopping trips.**
- ★ Don't forget your trusty **reusable shopping bag.**



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