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TERRILL COLLIER FIRST ARBORIST TO RECEIVE ECO-BIZ LANDSCAPE SERVICES CERTIFICATION

As part of its continuing effort to promote sustainability and environmental stewardship, Collier Arbor Care has attained the Eco-Biz certification for Landscape Services. The voluntary program is administered by the Pollution Prevention Outreach Team, a Portland metro area multi-agency group. “To be certified, a business must go beyond state and local requirements for pollution prevention, completing a rigorous 159 point checklist.” Debra Taevs explained. She went on to say that the participation of landscape business was critical because good landscape practices can actually improve soil and water health.

The rigorous process of receiving certification ensures that designated businesses will provide customers with the most environmentally safe and healthy practices in the following areas:

- Hazardous waste management
- Air quality and pollution
- Spill prevention and response
- Product and waste storage
- Cleaning procedures
- Purchasing/inventory management
- Recycling procedures
- Employee involvement and training
- Drainage Systems
- Energy And Water Use

Long before “organic” and “sustainability” were buzz words the arborists and plant health experts at Collier Arbor Care sought out and perfected the use of environmentally-friendly solutions to make landscapes thrive. Always looking to push the envelope, the company offers 100% organic fertilizers, organic-based lawn care, compost tea applications, and effective organic insect treatments without dangerous chemicals. The company also uses biodiesel fueled cars, solar electric panels and has restored the riparian ecosystem surrounding its Clackamas business park.

“We are thrilled that the Portland metro area has a program to recognize and certify practices that we’ve been promoting for many years,” commented Terrill Collier, ISA Board Certified Master Arborist and President of Collier Arbor Care.

For more information on Collier Arbor Care and the Eco-Biz Landscape Services certification, please contact Terrill Collier at 503-722-7267 or terrill@collierarbor.com. More information about Eco-Biz certification can be found at www.ecobiz.org.



CAPTION MATERIAL

Terrill Collier accepts the official Eco-Biz certification from Debra Taevs, Oregon Director of the Pacific Northwest Pollution Prevention Resource Center (PPRC). Collier is the first arborist to attain Eco-biz certification under this program.



The Landscape Services Eco-Logical Business Program is a certification that recognizes landscape design, installation and maintenance service contractors that reach the highest standards in environmental protection. It is the first program of its kind in the nation.



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