

## The Re-Store Warehouse is a Certified Green Business!

The Fayetteville Re-Store Warehouse is dedicated to helping homeowners, builders, our community and our environment. The Re-Store receives donations of new and used building and remodeling supplies such as cabinets, lighting, flooring and windows, which would otherwise be disposed of in a landfill. The materials are sold to the public at 50-75% off the retail price and the proceeds are invested in the Fayetteville Area Habitat for Humanity and the Fayetteville Urban Ministry.



The Re-Store mission statement includes, “providing inexpensive building materials to local businesses and homeowners while supporting conservation of the environment.” Certification in the Sustainable Sandhills’ Green Business Program was a natural fit for them – and in just a few months, they earned it!

The Re-Store is housed in a large warehouse and energy costs are a large percentage of their monthly expenses. An energy audit by the City of Fayetteville’s Public Works Commission (PWC) found that they could save money not only by reducing their energy use, but also by lowering their “energy demand.” Their peak demands were occurring when the building systems were turned on simultaneously with a single main breaker switch each workday. Now the systems (lights, fans, etc.) are turned on one at a time to reduce their demand peak. That reduced demand, plus the reduced energy use due to conservation measures that are part of the Green Business Program requirements, have saved the Re-Store hundreds of dollars compared to last year. Utility bills are posted in the warehouse, so that employees are aware of the expenses to light, heat and cool the space – and to influence their energy and water use behavior at work (and home).

A recycling program for aluminum and plastic was already in place when Re-Store began working towards their green business certification. Thanks to the additional program requirements, they began recycling cardboard as well and have decreased their waste hauling expense by \$600 in the first year.

Bill McMillan, Director of the Re-Store Warehouse, sets aside time at staff meetings to cover any environmental efforts the business is involved in. Educating

employees about the importance of water and energy conservation, recycling, and air quality is also a regular occurrence in staff meetings. Mr. McMillan said that his employees have taken a special personal interest in the measures they were a part of implementing.

Congratulations to everyone at the Re-Store Warehouse for your efforts to become a Sustainable Sandhills Certified Green Business!

The Re-Store Warehouse is located at 205 Forsythe Drive in Fayetteville. For more information, please visit <http://www.restorefaync.org>.

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Green businesses reduce waste, promote recycling, become energy and water efficient, purchase eco-friendly products and educate their employees and customers about the multiple benefits of a sustainable community. For more information about how your business can become a SS Certified Green Business today, please contact one of our Green Business Coordinators:

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