



Anheuser-Busch

Fort Collins Brewery Environmental Overview

The Fort Collins brewery brews and packages more than 8.5 million barrels of beer annually. The facility has the distinction of producing the largest variety of products in the Anheuser-Busch brewery system, more than 25 different brands.

- Recycling** The brewery recycled more than 99 percent of the solid waste generated in 2006. Materials include beechwood chips, aluminum, glass, brewers' grain, scrap metal, cardboard and many other items.
- Collecting Carbon Dioxide** The Fort Collins brewery uses a carbon dioxide advanced purification system (or CAPS) to capture up to 90 percent of the biogas generated during the fermentation process. CAPS purifies the carbon dioxide for re-use in the brewing and packaging processes. It is the only brewery located in the Fort Collins area using this type of technology.
- Evaluating Wind Power** The brewery is evaluating the installation of wind turbines on-site to generate power from a renewable source.
- Saving Energy** Fort Collins has reduced the energy needed to brew a barrel of beer by nearly 14 percent from 2002 – 2006.
- Water Conservation** The Fort Collins brewery's water conservation efforts currently includes the use of extensive water reclamation systems in its packaging, brewing and utilities operations.
- The Fort Collins brewery has reduced its water usage by more than 25 percent from 2002 - 2006.
- Land Application** The Fort Collins brewery applies nutrient rich water from the brewing process to nearby company owned farms. This provides an environmentally sound method of returning water and nutrients to the soil to grow various crops.
- Bio-Fuel Crops** The brewery is partnering with Colorado State University to grow bio-fuel crops at its Nutri-Turf farm. Over 150 acres of canola have been grown and harvested for bio-diesel production.
- Renewable Fuels** The brewery is currently installing a system to enhance its recovery of ethanol from the brewing process for use as a transportation fuel.

Use of Bio-Diesel

At both the brewery and its land application facility, certain vehicles have been converted to run on bio-diesel. Use of bio-diesel in other beer related transportation activities are under evaluation.

Wildlife Conservation

The brewery and the nearby Nutri-Turf farm manage more than 7,000 acres of their property to benefit wildlife. Both of these properties are certified by the Wildlife Habitat Council.

Watershed Protection

Each year, employees of the Fort Collins brewery participate in a community tree planting effort at a local park or wildlife area to help protect the local watershed.

Recent Awards

- 2006 City of Ft. Collins Climate Wise Program Gold Award
- Wildlife Habitat Certified Nature Area by City of Fort Collins
- Climate Wise Partner Award from the City of Fort Collins
- WHC Wildlife at Work Certification

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