THOUSAND OAKS CERTIFIED GREEENS BUSINESS

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GREEN BUSINES



OIL SAVED 5538 gallons/year

ENERGY SAVED 3526 kWh/year



CO2e SAVED 1.374 metric tonnes/year

WATER SAVED

CERTIFIED GREEN BUSINESSES have

shown their environmental leadership through the implementation of programs for water conservation, solid waste reduction, energy conservation, and pollution prevention. Demonstrate your support for sustainability by shopping at City of Thousand Oaks Certified Green Businesses. Look for the Certified Green Business logo or find a list of these businesses at <u>www.toaks.org/GoGreen</u>. Since 1971, Conejo Awards has specialized in helping customers recognize employees, clients, businesses, schools and non-profit organizations

Conejo Awards

First Company to be Certified as Thousand Oaks Green Business!

The awards and promotional items industry is notorious for wasteful packaging and hazardous materials. Tammie and Mike Helmuth, Co-Owners of Conejo Awards, are convinced the industry can do better and are leading the way. Their business recently became the first business to be certified as a Thousand Oaks Green Business. Conejo Awards goes beyond recycling by purchasing environmentally preferable products and offering reusable and recycled content products.





Tammie Helmuth showing refillable ink printer and recycled content awards.

Additional highlights include:

- Clients receive reusable tote bags instead of single use plastic bags with purchases
- Subscribes to searchable databases to avoid catalog mailings
- Old countertop corian salvaged from remodel jobs and artisan recycled glass create beautiful and unique plaques and awards and help keep materials from the landfill
- Purchased an advanced filtering system to remove pollutants from the production process that would otherwise be emitted into the atmosphere
- Retrofitted lighting and installed sensors

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Businesses that incorporate sustainable practices within their operations can get certified and demonstrate their environmental stewardship to their customers.

Certified businesses receive marketing and publicity by the City of Thousand Oaks in local newspapers, newsletters and the City website as well as window decals to alert shoppers that they are a Certified Green Business. Businesses interested in becoming certified can learn more at www.toaks.org/gogreenbiz.

GOING GREEN SAVES CONEJO AWARDS OVER \$23,000 ANNUALLY!



GREEN BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS: CONEJO AWARDS

Number of Staff: 6	Square Footage of Facility: 3,255		
Energy	Occupancy sensorsEnergy efficient lighting and equipmentDaylighting		
Waste and Recycling	 Reuse of Corian countertop and artisan glass for awards materials Recycling valuable metals Recycled content paper and bathroom supplies Refillable Inkjet Printer 		
Pollution Prevention	Hybrid company vehicles and carpoolingParticulate filter for laser engraving machineReusable bottles, mugs and totes		
Green Business Awareness	Donations to local non-profitsCompany environmental policyGreen awareness to clientele		

BOTTOM LINE BENEFITS

ACTIONS	INVESTMENT	SAVING	PAYBACK
Two Hybrids	\$55,000	\$15,000/year	37 months
Ride Share/Employee Vehicle	\$3,500	\$3,000/year	14 months
Bulk Ink System	\$400	\$2,800/year	1 month
SCE Direct Install	0	\$223/year	Immediate
Recycling	0	\$1,200	Immediate
E-billing	0	\$1,000	Immediate