

GREEN BUSINESS CERTIFICATION



Anniston Water Works

The Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce's Community Improvement Committee is proud to announce that Anniston Water Works has received their Green Business Certification.

Anniston Water Works has been around since 1873 and provides safe drinking water to Anniston and the surrounding area from two water treatment plants. Anniston Water Works also furnishes water to eight other utilities in three counties. In addition to water service, Anniston Water Works also provides sanitary sewer service to the greater Anniston area at two wastewater treatment plants.

They excelled on their application in the waste prevention category by recycling their packaging, pallets, boxes, aluminum cans, and scrap metals. Furthermore, the Anniston Water Works, along with Calhoun County Commission, are the founding partners of the "Stove Top to Road Top" program that was established in 2008. This program takes in used cooking oil from restaurants, schools and individuals and converts it to biodiesel fuel.

At Anniston Water Works, they take energy conservation seriously by using a comprehensive program to monitor electrical use at all of their pumping stations. They also have motion sensor lighting on the outside of all their plants. They capture methane gas to power engines at their Choccolocco Creek Wastewater Plant and use discarded cooking oil to lubricate the pumps.

In terms of water conservation, they publish an annual water quality report for the public, provide leak detection support to all of their customers, and continuously give educational presentations to various groups on water conservation. They are also a charter member of the Choccolocco Creek Watershed Alliance.

"Part of our mission at Anniston Water Works is to protect the environment and public health. It is our belief that the mission does not stop with our core business, but continues in every facet of our community involvement. The Chamber's Green Business Certification is another way for us to fulfill that responsibility," said Rodney Owens, the Assistant General Manager at Anniston Water Works.

Their latest green initiative comes in the form of transportation. The new diesel trucks used by their employees run off "clean diesel" E85 rated, which helps prevent harmful emissions and other dangerous pollutants from entering into our air.

Anniston Water Works is a member of the Chamber's Community Improvement Committee, and if you would like more information on the committee or how to get Green Business Certified, call the Chamber at 256-237-3536.

