

## East Moline Correctional Center Sustainability

The East Moline Correctional Center's sustainability effort began long before the idea of going green was popular. By the time the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) had implemented its sustainability plan in 2012, the center had already established a committee to explore ways of making its facility more environmentally sound. The center instituted a recycling program to divert waste generated in the facilities from landfills and save money in waste removal. The center also established green office policies to reduce consumption of supplies and energy. The goal of East Moline Correctional Center is to manage sustainable facilities with the least-intrusive environmental impact, saving taxpayers' money and IDOC resources.

East Moline Correctional Center's Recycling Program consists of the following:

- Cardboard Recycling - The center no longer allows cardboard to be placed in the trash; it is picked up by a recycling vendor.
- Paper Recycling - Paper waste containers are found throughout the institution and are used for collecting paper to be recycled by the recycling vendor.
- Metal cans - Metal tin cans emptied by Dietary are collected and sent to the recycling container and picked up by the recycling vendor.
- Plastics - The center is planning to implement a pop bottle recycling plan.
- Electronics/ink and toner cartridges - In accordance with legislation, all electronic items are being collected and recycled. Also, all ink and toner cartridges are being collected and recycled.
- Gardening - The East Moline Correctional Center will begin a garden program, which will raise vegetables to be used in the facility Dietary.