

Lawrence Correctional Center Sustainability

Lawrence Correctional Center was built in 1999; the technology in its construction shaped the center into a state-of-art energy efficient facility. In 2006, the center began recycling items such as toner and printer cartridges, motor oil and brass shell casings. Motor oil from the Vehicle Maintenance Shop is picked up by a local company and then used in its oil burning furnaces. Brass shell casings are sent back to the IDOC Training Academy via Robinson Correctional Center to be recycled.

In 2006, the center also started bailing scrap cardboard. The facility has plans to move the bailing unit inside the facility, which will significantly increase recycling of cardboard.

During FY2011, the facility additionally began recycling kitchen grease.

In 2015, the center established a 100' x 100' vegetable and herb garden inside the facility compound. Along with planting a vegetable garden, the center planted flowers. The project served a dual purpose to help the center move forward with the "Go Green Initiative," while utilizing the offender population to assist in the job capacity and promote responsibility.

In 2016, the facility started recycling batteries. Used batteries are collected by staff and offenders and sent to a company in St. Louis, Mo.

Lawrence Correctional Center uses an average of 129,000 gallons of domestic water a day. A water-metering device is used at each faucet and toilet to minimize excessive use in inmate cells. In addition, the facility has electronic controlled valves that can be programmed for duration and time that each individual fixture is operated by offenders.