



## THE HOME DEPOT RECEIVES EPA'S 2016 SMARTWAY® EXCELLENCE AWARD

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### EPA's Smart Way Honors Leaders in the Freight Industry

ATLANTA, September 27, 2016 - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has recognized The Home Depot®, the world's largest home improvement retailer, with a 2016 SmartWay® Excellence Award for the fourth consecutive year. The Home Depot has consistently led the industry with contributions to cleaner, healthier air and reducing carbon emissions by hauling all freight with environmentally and energy efficient carriers.

A charter member of the EPA's SmartWay program, The Home Depot utilizes a number of clean transportation best practices including truckload optimization, Greenhouse Gases (GHG) data collecting and reporting, and by requiring that all carriers be current SmartWay® partners.

In 2015, The Home Depot shipped 4,000 fewer trucks, helping to avoid 4.132 metric tons of CO2 emissions. The company audits carriers annually to ensure that data is properly submitted to the EPA.

"We're honored to be recognized by SmartWay, alongside so many companies in our industry who are leading by example with their efforts," said Michelle Livingstone, vice president of transportation at The Home Depot.

"EPA is honoring its top environmental performers - those SmartWay Partners that have taken significant steps towards a sustainable freight transportation energy future," said Christopher Grundler, director of EPA's Office of Transportation and Air Quality. "SmartWay Excellence Award recipients have become leaders in this crucial sector of our economy by embracing the mutual benefits that efficiency brings for both operational performance and environmental results."

For more information on Home Depot's supply chain initiatives, visit <http://builtfromscratch.homedepot.com>

To learn more about the SmartWay Excellence Awards program, visit <https://www.epa.gov/smartway/smartway-excellence-awardees>.

### **About The Home Depot**

The Home Depot is the world's largest home improvement specialty retailer, with 2,276 retail stores in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, 10 Canadian provinces and Mexico. In fiscal 2015, The Home Depot had sales of \$88.5 billion and earnings of \$7.0 billion. The Company employs more than 385,000 associates. The Home Depot's stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE: HD) and is included in the Dow Jones industrial average and Standard & Poor's 500 index.

### **About SmartWay®**

EPA's SmartWay Transport Partnership is a market-driven initiative that empowers businesses to move goods in the cleanest, most energy-efficient way possible, while protecting public health and reducing the impacts of climate change. Demonstration of a commitment to corporate sustainability and social responsibility through SmartWay provides for a more competitive and environmentally-friendly business environment. Since 2004, SmartWay Partners have saved 170.3 million barrels of oil—the equivalent of eliminating annual energy use in over 6 million homes and \$24.9 billion in fuel costs. SmartWay's clean air achievements (72.8 million metric tons of carbon dioxide, 1,458,000 tons of nitrogen oxides, and 59,000 tons of particulate matter emissions avoided) help to protect the well-being of citizens.

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