



THE HOME DEPOT RECEIVES EPA'S 2017 SMARTWAY® EXCELLENCE AWARD

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EPA's Smart Way Honors Leaders in the Freight Industry

ATLANTA, November 8, 2017 - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has recognized The Home Depot®, the world's largest home improvement retailer, with a 2017 SmartWay Excellence Award for the fifth consecutive year. SmartWay recognizes industry leaders in freight, supply chain, environmental performance, and energy efficiency.

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 2016, The Home Depot shipped 6,700 fewer trucks, helping to avoid 6.2 metric tons of CO₂ emissions. The company audits carriers annually to ensure that data is properly submitted to the EPA.

"We are constantly looking at ways to improve our supply chain and believe that can be done while cutting carbon emissions," said Michelle Livingstone, vice president of Transportation. "Our carriers are vital to our business and their commitment to sustainability and SmartWay's standards benefit the entire spectrum of transportation and logistics."

"Since 2004, EPA and the business community have collaborated through the SmartWay Partnership to reduce the economic and environmental costs of goods movement, a vital sector of our national economy," said Christopher Grundler, director of the EPA's Office of Transportation & Air Quality. "This year's award-winning freight carriers, shippers and third-party logistics companies demonstrate that they can move more goods, more miles, while using less fuel. These firms are not only serving the growing needs of their – they are also doing their part to keep our environment clean and protect human health."

For a deeper look into Home Depot's supply chain initiatives, visit

<https://corporate.homedepot.com/newsroom/smartway-2017-clean-transportation>.

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 2,283 retail stores in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, 10 Canadian provinces and Mexico. In fiscal 2016, The Home Depot had sales of \$94.6 billion and earnings of \$8.0 billion. The Company employs more than 400,000 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. Demonstrating a commitment to corporate sustainability and social responsibility through SmartWay provides for a more competitive and sustainable business environment. Since 2004, SmartWay Partners have avoided emitting more than 94 million metric tons of air pollutants, while saving more than 197 million barrels of oil and \$27.8 billion in fuel costs – equivalent to eliminating the annual energy use of over 12 million homes. SmartWay also contributes to cleaner air and healthier citizens by significantly reducing emissions of the pollution that contributes to smog, including fine particulate matter and nitrogen oxides.

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