



Aspen Institute recognizes Walmart's energy efficiency and sustainability work

At Walmart, we are working hard to reach a day when all of our energy comes from renewable sources. At the Aspen Environmental Forum held in March 2009, we were honored to take home the award for Corporate Energy Efficiency at the second annual Aspen Institute Energy and Environment Awards.

The Aspen Institute Global Leadership Network recognized six organizations and people who are creating energy and environmental solutions. The winners have demonstrated how they are taking a fresh approach to solving the energy crisis, achieving measurable results and improving the environment.

[Read the news release.](#)



Our approach to energy efficiency and sustainability

We call our approach 'Sustainability 360,' and it involves a wide range of stakeholders – starting with our associates and extending to our non-governmental agency partners and our suppliers, to the architects and engineers who design our systems. The Institute recognized us for our commitment and progress toward:

- Reducing greenhouse gases at our existing store, club and distribution center base around the world by 20 percent by 2012;
- Designing our new prototype to be 25 to 30 percent more efficient by the end of 2009; and
- Developing and implementing innovative energy efficient technology into our existing and new stores.

Our work doesn't end there. We're doing even more to reach our three long-term sustainability goals: to be supplied 100 percent by renewable energy, create zero waste and sell products that sustain our resources and the environment. We're using renewable energy sources, including wind energy in Texas and solar power in California and Hawaii. Additionally, we're building efficient pilot stores and addressing our greenhouse gas emissions. By taking wasteful energy out of our operations, we can do more to save our customers money and help them live better.