



 **CLIMATE FRIENDLY**  
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***Reduce Waste, Save Money***

**ENERGY, FUEL, FERTILIZER AND PLASTICS:**

How much of your business investment leaks out the cracks, goes out with the trash, or is washed away?

The Oregon Association of Nurseries and Oregon Environmental Council want to help you increase profit while reducing waste.

We've produced a ***Best Management Practice Guide for Climate Friendly Nurseries*** with recommendations, tools and resources to help you become more efficient. The guide is the result of our initial findings from the Climate Friendly Nurseries Project in which Oregon nurseries are tracking their energy and resource use, measuring the climate change impacts generated by these inputs, and making investments and low-cost changes to cut waste and deliver the biggest efficiency gains for the buck.

**The *Best Management Practices (BMP) for Climate Friendly Nurseries* will help you:**

- **SAVE MONEY BY INCREASING EFFICIENCY**
- **REDUCE VULNERBILITY TO FLUCTUATING ENERGY AND INPUT COSTS**
- **BE AN INDUSTRY LEADER AND SLOW CLIMATE CHANGE**

**FIND THE BMP GUIDE AND ADDITIONAL TOOLS AT [www.climatefriendlynurseries.org](http://www.climatefriendlynurseries.org)**




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The Climate Friendly Nurseries Project, a collaborative partnership between the Oregon Association of Nurseries and Oregon Environmental Council, has developed a new guide, **Best Management Practices for Climate Friendly Nurseries**, to help nurseries reduce operating costs and greenhouse gas emissions. The BMP Guide contains detailed best practice recommendations, Oregon case studies and low and no-cost efficiency improvements for nurseries.

***Recommended Best Management Practices***

• SMART HEATING AND COOLING	• SMART PLANT NUTRITION	• EFFICIENT LIGHTING
• WISE WATER USE	• REUSING PLASTICS	• REUSING SOIL

**ADDITIONAL TOOLS:**

**Measure:** Our Greenhouse Gas (GHG) inventory tool will help you calculate and track your resource and energy use, and measure reductions in use, costs and greenhouse gases over time.

**Evaluate:** Our case studies of Oregon nurseries that have already implemented recommended efficiency best management practices will help you investigate effective measures for your nursery.

**Bottom Line:** Our information on costs and incentives and links to Return on Investment calculators will help you determine savings and payback period for recommended BMPs.

These resources were developed with valuable assistance from OSU Extension and Ecos Consulting. We welcome feedback about the Guide, and encourage you to share your experience with efficiency improvements in your nursery. Learn more about the program and find contact information at [www.climatefriendlynurseries.org](http://www.climatefriendlynurseries.org).

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