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Press Release

Levin Furniture is the proud recipient of the 2008 Waste Watchers Award.

The following organizations, Professional Recyclers of Pennsylvania (PROP), Pennsylvania Waste Industries Association (PWIA) and the Keystone Chapter of the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA), presented Levin Furniture with The Waste Watchers Award at their annual conference held in State College, PA on September 3, 2008. This award is being given to organizations which make reducing, reusing and recycling top priorities throughout the year. Levin's was the 2008 winner for Westmoreland County.

Levin Furniture was recognized for implementing a comprehensive recycling program which includes recycling of waste from Levin's warehouse and corporate office, including cardboard, plastic, metals, wood slats, Styrofoam and office paper and newsprint. The goals of Levin's program are to minimize solid waste materials sent to landfills and to maximize recycling of usable materials.

Levin Furniture is proud to be an environmentally sensitive retailer. In addition to its recycling efforts, the company has implemented a variety of conservation and energy efficiency initiatives. Some of these are:

- One of the first furniture stores in the United States to install a Styrofoam densifier, enabling recycling of Styrofoam.
- Elimination of Styrofoam cups in all locations – use of regular drinking glasses that can be washed and re-used.
- Use of recycled paper products: napkins, toilet paper, paper towels.
- Use of “green” cleaning materials in all locations. Mandate that all contractors (carpet cleaning companies, window washing companies, etc.) use “green” cleaning materials.
- Installation of solar panels in its newest showroom in Monroeville.
- Motion-sensitive lighting throughout corporate office and in several store locations.
- Programmable digital thermostats.
- Energy efficient fans in warehouse to reduce heating and cooling.
- Conversion of company passenger fleet to hybrid cars (10 of 12 total).
- Conversion to Hino diesel trucks which provide greater fuel efficiency.
- All outside lights on timers to reduce energy use at store locations.
- Gradual conversion to compact fluorescent and energy efficient light bulbs throughout store locations.

Levin Furniture is a family owned and operated furniture company based in Smithton, Westmoreland County, PA with 12 locations in Southwestern Pennsylvania and Northeastern Ohio.

The Waste Watcher awards are given to recycling, waste reduction, reuse and composting programs in Pennsylvania that have exhibited exemplary performance. Municipalities, counties, private businesses, individuals and community organizations are being recognized for going above and beyond what is mandated under the Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act (Act 101) for their communities or programs.

Act 101 will soon celebrate its 20th anniversary and has helped generate significant economic and environmental benefits. Recycling has become a billion dollar industry in Pennsylvania. With each passing year, there is a steady increase in the amount of collected recyclables and the number of jobs created by the industry. Recycling has saved precious resources and energy, limited greenhouse emissions and other air and water pollutants. This growth and success is the result of a serious commitment to recycling by individuals, businesses, government and the recycling industry like these award winners.

The Professional Recyclers of Pennsylvania (PROP) is the state's official association representing recycling professionals and is dedicated to promoting and enhancing the interests of recycling, recycling programs, composting and composting programs in Pennsylvania through education, information exchange, technical support, applied research and coordination of recycling industry initiatives.

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