

DEP Recognizes Miami Marlins for 54 Percent Recycling Rate



Cliff Wilson, DEP Deputy Secretary (third from right) flanked by Claude Delorme, Marlins Executive VP of Operations and Events (third from left), presents Jeff King, Marlins VP of Facilities, with a recycling recognition certificate for 2013 as Keyna Cory and Chuck Dees, Florida Recycling Partnership (left), and Jorge Caspary, DEP Division of Waste Management Director (right), look on.

On July 30, 2014, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection recognized [The Miami Marlins](#) for recycling 54.4% of its solid waste in 2013.

The Miami Marlins have implemented a comprehensive recycling plan that ensures plastics, metals, paper, cardboard and glass are recycled during events held at Marlins Park. During the construction of the Miami Park District, the organization was able to divert or recycle more than 95 percent of the construction waste. The team was awarded Major League Baseball's 2013 "Green Glove" award for the National League's East Division. This award goes to the top teams that have the highest recycling rate in the league. The Miami Marlins is a member of the

Florida Recycling Partnership, a coalition of businesses and associations dedicated to improving Florida's recycling rates.

In addition to recycling practices, Marlins Park was designed with many aspects of sustainability in mind. From the energy-efficient lighting, heating and cooling systems, to water use reductions, Marlins Park is the most sustainable facility in Major League Baseball. It is the first professional sports facility in the world with a retractable roof to earn LEED Gold Certification from the U.S. Green Building Council.

"I am pleased to recognize the Miami Marlins for its dedication to recycling and sustainability," said DEP Deputy Secretary Cliff Wilson. "Through its comprehensive sustainability program, the Miami Marlins saw the opportunity of a new ballpark as a chance to become better stewards to Florida's environment. It is setting a great example for other large entertainment venues and sports franchises, not only in Florida but also across the nation."

"It is an honor for Marlins Park to receive this recognition," said Claude Delorme, Marlins Executive Vice President of Operations and Events. "Our goal when we built this ballpark was to create a venue that best served the South Florida community, while being mindful of the environment. Moving forward, we aim to remain at the forefront of sustainability."