

DeWitt Barrels, Inc.

Marne, Michigan



DEWITT BARRELS

“DeWitt Barrels has a deep commitment to the environment and community choosing to support many local community needs.” - Coopersville Area Chamber of Commerce

Since 1893, **DeWitt Barrels, Inc.** has been committed to the sales and reconditioning of steel, fiber and plastic drums in all shapes and sizes to fit every customer's needs. The company originally founded in Chicago by Peter DeWitt and his two sons, Peter and William, began by making and repairing wooden barrels and kegs. In 1937, DeWitt Barrels came to Michigan operated by Peter DeWitt Sr., the grandson of the founder. Today the factory is located in Marne, Michigan, where it continues to give high quality service to all its customers. For their hard work and service, they received the “2002 Best Small Business” award by the Michigan Small Business & Technology Development Center, a partner of the U.S. Small Business Association.

Today, DeWitt Barrels is focused on the future looking toward environmentally friendly business practices so that they may continue to lead their industry with their commitment to environmental issues. As a proud member of Michigan's Business Pollution Prevention partnership (MBP3) and the Michigan Clean Corporate Citizen stewardship program (C3), the company prides itself on their continuing efforts to comply with all aspects of today's environmental issues. This year, for the first time, they've emerged as a new leader recognized in the Michigan Environmental Leaders Stewardship program, which requires them to not only meet requirements for MBP3 and C3, but to take their work a step further and reach out to their community. DeWitt Barrels, Inc., was also named the 2014 manufacturer of the Year by Coopersville Area Chamber of Commerce. These recognitions are important and highly sought after, because it shows that the members

go above and beyond to become environmental leaders in their community, as well as their industry.

DeWitt Barrels has partnered with two local organizations to reuse retired barrels as a way to recycle them and benefit others who need them. The Human Society of West Michigan takes their barrels and uses them to transport pet food to low income families who would not otherwise be able to feed their pets. They also donate their barrels to the West Michigan Environmental Action Council (WMEAC), who sells them as rain collection barrels for households interested in collecting rain water for gardens and flower beds. In 2006, DeWitt Barrels established The DeWitt Barrels, Inc. Environmental Science and Natural Resources Management Scholarship at Grand Valley State University for students in their junior or senior year majoring in environmental studies.

These efforts, combined with the future projects already underway, ensure that DeWitt Barrels will continue leading their industry and remain a business leader in Michigan.

