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Kentucky by the numbers:16 percent

Toyota released its ninth annual North America Environmental Report last week. Among the highlights were that its plant in Georgetown, the company's largest in North America, reduced its energy consumption by 16 percent during the last fiscal year. **The plant installed a new paint, heating and humidity control system, making its paint processes more efficient.** It also installed a more efficient building control system for HVAC and replaced parking lot light bulbs with more efficient compact fluorescent bulbs that reduced energy consumption by 80 percent. The plant earned an Energy Star plant award, bringing the number of plant awards Toyota has received since 2006 to 14.

Toyota's parts center in Hebron also earned an Energy Star award. Accomplishments during the year there included the installation of lighting that has occupancy sensors to ensure energy isn't used when no one is around.

And at the North American manufacturing headquarters in Erlanger, the company said it removed individual trash cans for employees and added stations where they can sort their trash by compostable and non-compostable materials, paper, cans and bottles. Toyota said it increased the amount of compostable material by 27 tons, or 537 percent, from the previous fiscal year.

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