

# Arlington Cabs are Seeing Green

*Companies in all industries across the nation are implementing policies and creating strategies to become more environmentally friendly.*

Whether they provide recycling facilities or offer a transit benefit, many companies are realizing that being green is a good thing, benefiting both employees, by raising morale and retention, and the organization, by earning positive publicity and public relations. Arlington is home to two companies in particular that have made the decision to go green and help the environment by using hybrid cars to transport their customers.

Red Top Cab and EnviroCAB companies are leading the area's taxi industry in going green and becoming more environmentally friendly. Taxi cabs are an invaluable tool for those who live the car-free lifestyle or live without a car during the work day but have meetings or errands to run. Some people might feel guilty for using a car during the day, but taxis are a great alternative and often life

saver for those who get to work using alternative modes other than driving alone in their cars.

In the summer of 2007, Red Top cabs added hybrid Ford Escapes to their fleet of vehicles. These cars almost double the gas mileage compared to older cabs and help the environment all for the same fare price. Since last year, Red Top has added hybrid four door sedans to their fleet as well. Started in 1964 in Arlington, Red Top began with just two cars and has always been an active participant in civic and charitable events. By using hybrid vehicles, they not only help the environment but show their customers how much they care about sustaining a healthy and cleaner community.

Arlington welcomed EnviroCAB, its newest cab service, in early 2008. EnviroCAB is the only taxi

service in the nation to service its fleet with 100% hybrid vehicles.



EnviroCAB cars emit fewer emissions than the average taxi cab and the company also purchases renewable energy offset credits to effectively make their fleet carbon neutral. In addition, the company purchases more offset credits than they use to achieve a carbon-negative status. The fleet of hybrids includes the Toyota Prius, the Toyota Camry Hybrid, and the Ford Escape Hybrid.

Arlington is home to numerous cab companies, including some that specialize in airport shuttles and offer senior and disabled discounts.

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