

« Green behind the scene, green with envy »

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The city and borough of Westwood, N.J, doesn't look very green this time of year but what you're not seeing is the green behind the scenes.

John Birkner, Jr, mayor of Westwood says « People do look at you in strange way, they think you're stupid when you mention what you want to do ».

To sever ties with traditional energy, they're doing things like turning their red and blue squad green with the purchase of two hybrid police vehicles.

« We saved money » says police officer « How much are we talking about? As far as the gas mileage, probably twice as much or more than what the traditional police cars are costing ».

But hybrids are just the start. The town's restaurants are an unlikely supplier of fuel. Waste cooking vegetable oil is picked up, recycled, mixed with diesel, fuel gets filtered out of the used vegetable oil producing enough biofuel to keep three garbage trucks on the road for a week.

The trucks look like any other garbage truck with a few noticeable differences.

First, there is a lot less smoke going up into the air and second, there is sort of an odd aroma of French fries.

The mayor says it's just the beginning of a plan to make other towns green with envy.

« We're doing our part » finishes Birkner, « and if we do a little bit, and the next town does a little bit, and the next town does a little bit, that is one small step for man but one giant leap for environment ».

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