

ENVIRONMENTAL & CIVIC AWARDS for AUTOBELL® CAR WASH

- ◆ In 2000, the **Mecklenburg County (NC) Water Quality Coalition** awarded Chuck Howard and Autobell one of its annual **Blue Thumb** awards for their work and dedication to protecting and conserving water and resources and the overall quality of life in our area.
- ◆ In 2002, Chuck Howard was chosen and featured by *The Charlotte Observer* as one of its **Guardians of the Environment** for Autobell's efforts and commitment in water treatment and conservation.
- ◆ In 2002, Autobell received the **Water Smart** award from **Charlotte-Mecklenburg Utilities** for its continuous water conservation efforts.
- ◆ In 2002, Chuck Howard and Autobell were honored by the **North Carolina Wildlife Federation Governor's Conservation Achievement Awards** as the **Business Conservationist of the Year**. Howard was chosen for this prestigious award because of his choice and investment to conserve and treat water at Autobell Car Washes; and his continuing efforts to educate others about responsible water usage.
- ◆ In 2003, Autobell received an **Outstanding Service Award** for its **Adopt-A-Stream** program from the **Mecklenburg County Department of Environmental Protection**.
- ◆ In 2004, Chuck Howard was recognized and featured as one of Charlotte's **Environmental Leaders** by *Ventures Charlotte* Magazine, the quarterly publication of the **Charlotte Chamber of Commerce**.
- ◆ In 2006, the town of **Boone, NC**, as part of its "Every Drop Counts" water conservation program, awarded Autobell its first **Water Wise** award.
- ◆ In 2008, Autobell won in the For-Profit Business category of the inaugural *Charlotte Business Journal Green Awards* for companies that have done the most to drive environmental sustainability internally or among their vendors and clients.
- ◆ In 2008, Autobell was recognized by the **Mecklenburg County (NC) Soil & Water Conservation District** as the "**Conservation Business of the Year**" for its strict water conservation policies, procedures and practices. The organization works with residents, agencies and business owners to plan and direct programs for the conservation and development of natural resources.
- ◆ In 2008, Autobell received the **Community Service Leadership Award** from the **International Carwash Association** in recognition of the company's strong commitment to the civic and environmental well-being of the communities in which it operates washes.
- ◆ In 2008, Autobell was named the **Outstanding Philanthropic Organization** whose charitable activities enrich the community by the **Association of Fundraising Professionals-Charlotte Chapter**.
- ◆ In 2009, Autobell was named the **2008 North Carolina Family Business of the Year** (large category) by Wake Forest University's Family Business Center and *Business North Carolina* Magazine.

