



Photos Top: Louisville plant at night; **Middle:** Open house for new office building; **Bottom:** Louisville conference room

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Local Economic Impact

- 137 employees
- Annual gross payroll: more than \$7 million
- Annual property taxes: more than \$845,000
- Annual Nebraska permit fees: more than \$300,000
- 18.9 percent of local school district tax revenue generated from the plant in 2009
- Ash Grove’s Louisville operations create an estimated 1,300 local jobs

Safety Recognition

- Portland Cement Association Innovation in Safety Award – 2008, 2001, 2000, 1997
- Ash Grove President’s Silver Safety Award – 2008
- Ash Grove President’s Bronze Safety Award – 2010, 2003

Environmental Leadership

- The plant is certified as ISO 14001 compliant – an international standard for excellence in environmental management
- New office facility is designed to meet EPA Energy Star standards for energy efficiency
- Ash Grove Energy Management (AGem) lighting project replaced multiple light fixtures throughout the facility to include motion detectors and increase energy efficiency
- Maintain close working relationship with Nebraska sportsmen groups and the Nebraska Wildlife Rehabilitation Institute

Commitment to Our Community

- Ash Grove received a Business Recognition Award from the Cass County Economic Development Council for its long history of employing Cass County residents and its contributions to the local community
- Ash Grove received an award from the Cass County Agricultural Society for ongoing contributions to the Cass County Fair
- Ash Grove received a Freedom Team Salute Award from the Army Reserve for its support of reserves on duty

Sponsoring Our Community (partial listing)

Cass County Fair	\$4,150 over the last five years
Boy Scouts of America	\$3,000 over the last five years
Louisville Athletic Boosters	\$8,900 over the last five years
Louisville Care Center	\$3,000 over the last five years

History of the Louisville Plant

- Facility opened on May 10, 1929
- New kilns added in 1976 and 1982
- New office building opened September 2009

Making Louisville More Livable

- Lease of land to the city of Louisville for new baseball park
- Donated concrete to build the Cedar Creek Park Pavilion
- Donated land for Meadow Oaks water tower
- Supports Nebraska Wildlife Rehab by leasing its historic former administration building to the group for a nominal fee