



# Green Hospitality & Tourism Certification Workshop

Waste Reduction for the Hospitality Industry

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**Recycling.  
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# What is Considered Waste?

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- Anything that cannot be otherwise diverted through reusing, reducing, recycling or composting.
- Any single use disposable item.
- **Examples of Waste**
  - Coffee cups Foam/Paper
  - Paper Napkins, Paper Placemats
  - Plastic forks and knives



# Determining Your Waste

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- **Waste Assessment**

- A visual inspection of the types and quantities of waste generated in the workplace. It will identify the main types of waste and opportunities for improvement.
- Low time investment, general data



# Why Evaluate your Waste Stream?

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- Identify wasteful practices and potential cost savings
- Operate more efficiently
- Determine best practices to be implemented
- Improved employee moral



# Waste Reduction Benefits

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- Economic Impact
- Improve Environmental Practices
- Employee Satisfaction/Pride
- Saves Landfill Space



# The Usual (Diversion) Suspects

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- Catalogs, Brochures
- Cardboard
- Glass Bottles
- Aluminum Cans
- Plastic bottles
- Office Paper
- Foam/Paper Cups & Plates
- Plastic Forks, Knives & Spoons
- Wood Pallets
- Shrink (pallet) Wrap



# Free Technical Assistance

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- RI Resource Recovery Corporation
- RI DEM
- Waste Haulers
- Recyclers



# Food for Thought...

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Waste reduction, diversion, recycling, and composting all have the potential to save money, increase efficiency, and support a healthy environment.

***All tasty morsels for business!***



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