Recycling and Waste Minimization

Green Hospitality Initiative

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Why Care About Recycling & Reducing Waste?

- Rhode Island Recycling Act
- Saves space in Central Landfill
- Being Green is trendy
- Cost benefits

Tips for Waste Minimization

- Serve carbonated beverages from a beverage gun.
- Use refillable condiment dispensers.
- Use paper packaging rather than Styrofoam.
- Purchase cleaning supplies in concentrate.

Factors that Influence Recycling

- Quantity of recyclable
- Ease of recycling
- Market value
- Environmental Hazard



What to Recycle?

- 1. Corrugated Cardboard
- Aluminum cans, tin cans& plastic bottles (# 1&2)
- 3. Fluorescent light bulbs
- 4. Glass
- 5. Pallets
- 6. Shrink-wrap



Companies that will Recycle CFL's and FL's

- Complete Recycling Solutions; Fallriver,
 MA (508) 402-7700
- Northeast Lamp Recycling, Inc; E.
 Windsor, CT (888) 657-5267
- Veolia Environmental; Stoughton, MA
 (781) 341-6080 Ex. 227

Food Scraps



Donations

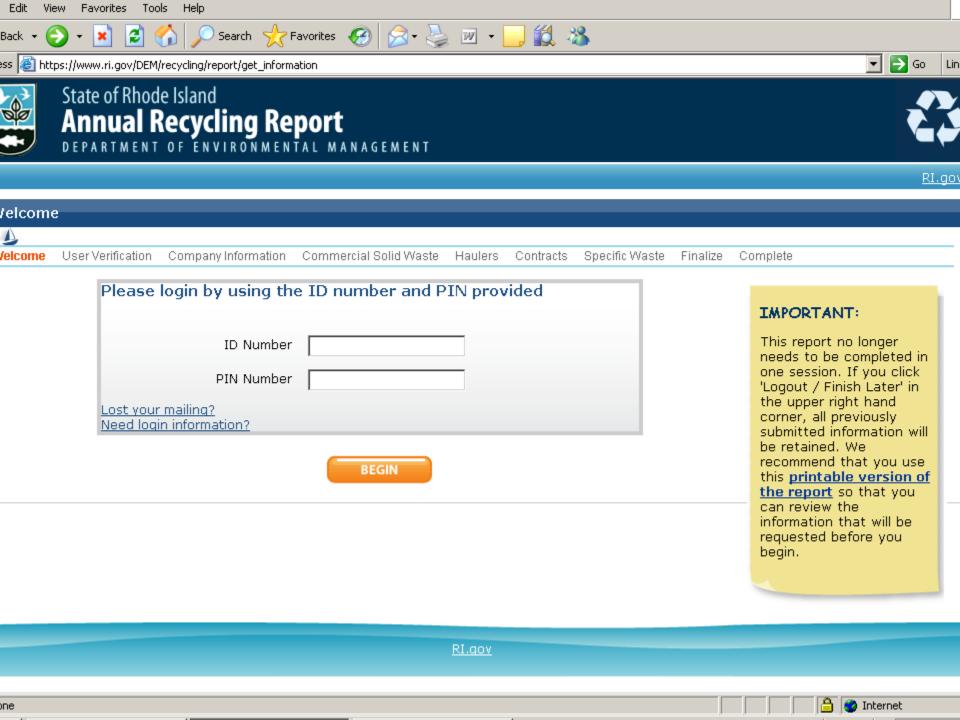
- Donate leftover food and amenities to area shelters, soup kitchens and food pantries.
- Composting
 - Earthcare Farm,Charlestown, RI
- Cooking oil
 - Newport BioDiesel, Newport, RI
 - Baker Commodities, Warwick, RI

Food Scraps Cont'd

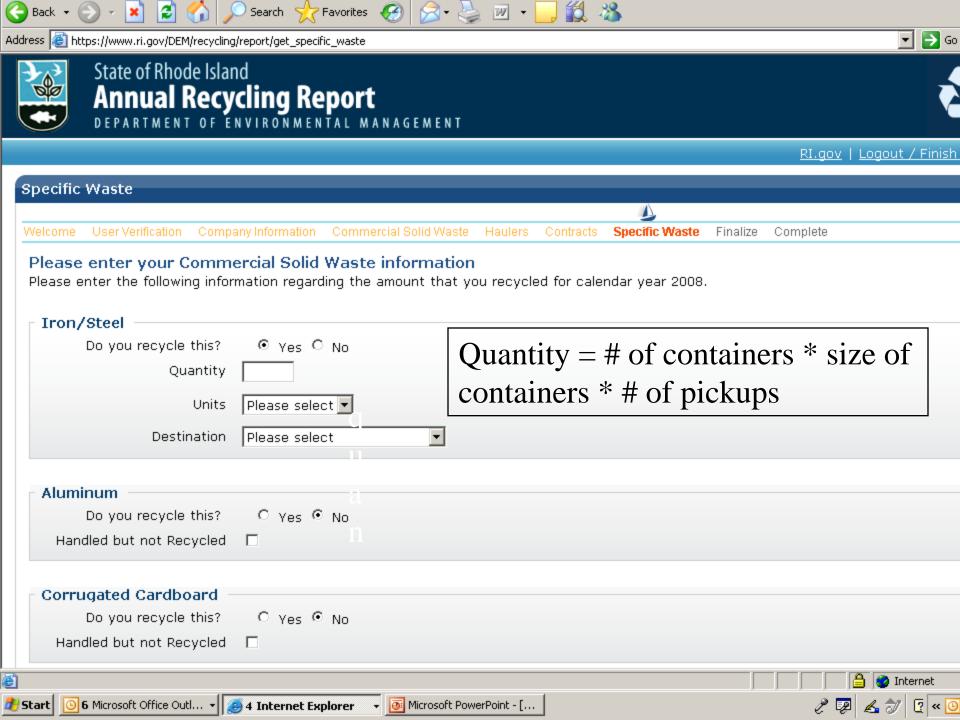


Pig Farms

- Unlicensed Farms
 - Vegetables and baked goods only
- Licensed Farms
 - All food scraps including meat (food is cooked before fed to animals)







Questions?

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