

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
2. 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)



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Please enter your commercial solid waste information

Please enter below the total quantity of waste your company disposed of in the calendar year 2008. This should include all of the trash generated by your company but not any materials that were recycled or reused. If you don't know the total quantity, please use the calculator on the right.

CSW Information

Commercial Solid Waste (CSW) Disposed:

CSW Units:

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CSW Calculator

Size of Dumpster:

Units:

Number of times per month dumpster is emptied:

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Please enter your Commercial Solid Waste information

Please enter the following information regarding the amount that you recycled for calendar year 2008.

Iron/Steel

Do you recycle this? Yes No

Quantity

Units

Destination

Quantity = # of containers * size of containers * # of pickups

Aluminum

Do you recycle this? Yes No

Handled but not Recycled

Corrugated Cardboard

Do you recycle this? Yes No

Handled but not Recycled

Questions?

- Contact Info

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