



Green Hospitality Certification

Restaurant Industry Waste Reduction

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**Recycling.
Make it second nature.**

What is Considered Waste?

- Anything that cannot be otherwise diverted through reusing, reducing, recycling or composting.
- Examples of Waste
 - Food containers
 - Coffee cups
 - Pizza boxes
 - Bottle caps



Why Evaluate your Waste Stream?

- Reduce waste volume and disposal costs
- Respond to customer/client desires
 - ‘Green’ practices are meaningful to customers
- Respond to market pressures
 - ‘Green’ Wave



Benefits

- Image
- Economic Impact
- Environmental
- Employee Satisfaction/Pride
- Leadership
- Regulatory Compliance



Why Implement a Green Program?

- Conveys a positive public environmental image
- Green Programs are more than just recycling



Determining Your Waste Stream

- Waste Assessment
 - General overview of waste stream
 - Low time investment, general data
- Waste Audit
 - Piece by piece sort and weigh of stream
 - Heavy time investment, high quality data



The Usual (Diversion) Suspects

- Catalogs, Brochures
- Cardboard
- Glass Bottles
- Aluminum Cans
- Plastic bottles
- Office Paper
- Food Scraps
- Landscaping
- Wood Pallets
- Shrink (pallet) Wrap



Seeing Green by Recycling

- Certain recyclables are literally hot commodities:
 - Cardboard
 - Aluminum
 - Office Paper

Glass, while highly recyclable, has no value as a commodity unless color separated



Kitchen Scraps

- Food waste...Eating up your budget?
- Third largest component of generated waste by weight



Kitchen Scraps

- Benefits of eliminating “Food Waste”
 - Saves money
 - Increased cleanliness
 - Reduced odors
 - Better pest control



Free Technical Assistance

- RIRRC
- DEM
- Waste Haulers
- Recyclers



Food for Thought...

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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