



# Green Hospitality Certification

Lodging Industry Waste Reduction

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**Recycling.  
Make it second nature.**

# What is Considered Waste?

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- Anything that can not be otherwise diverted through reusing, reducing, recycling, or composting.



# Why Evaluate your Waste Stream?

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- Identify possible areas of savings
  - Economic
  - Efficiency
- Respond to customer/client desires
  - ‘Green’ practices are meaningful to customers
- Respond to market pressures
  - ‘Green’ Wave



# Determining Your Waste Stream

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- Waste Assessment
  - General overview of 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

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



# Seeing Green by Recycling

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- Certain recyclables are literally a hot commodity:
  - Cardboard
  - Aluminum

*Glass, while highly recyclable, has no value as a commodity unless color separated and delivered whole*



# Free Technical Assistance

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- RIRRC
- DEM
- Waste Haulers
- Recyclers

