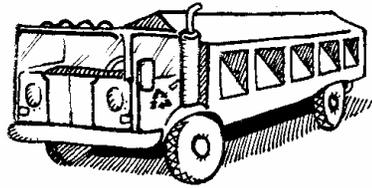


Benefits to Business from Reducing Waste

- **Produces more efficient operations and reduces costs.**
Waste reduction can help reduce expenditures on raw materials, office supplies, equipment and other purchases. Additional economic advantages can include lower solid waste service costs and potential revenue for high value recyclable materials.
- **Enhances public image.**
In our environmentally conscious society, efforts to save energy and natural resources can distinguish your business and increase customer loyalty.
- **Increases employee morale.**
Participation in an environmentally sound business operation is a team building exercise that everyone can take pride in.

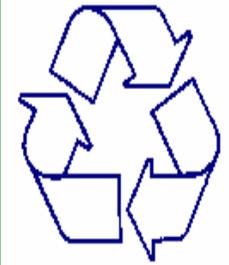


Half the waste landfilled each year in Oregon comes from the commercial sector--about 1.3 million tons!

This guide provides tips on how to reduce your business' waste legacy.

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**Reduce,
Reuse,
Recycle *and*
Save Money!**

**A Florence Area
Business Guide to
Solid Waste Management**



Reducing: Evaluating Efficiency

The best way to reduce the amount of waste that goes into the landfill is to reduce the amount of resources used. Opportunities for waste reduction are often hidden in inefficient processes. Analyzing your waste stream to estimate waste reduction potential and understand existing waste management practices can lead to environmentally beneficial, money saving changes.

A thorough waste analysis examines various aspects of a business, including:



One easy way to decrease your supply costs!

- Purchasing
- Packaging
- Writing/Printing Paper
- Overstocked/ Surplus Items
- Equipment
- Communications
- Food & Personal Services
- Products

This can be done as a simple visual survey of your trash, or it can be an involved process of inventorying your waste stream. The data you collect can be used to target materials for recycling, reuse, or eliminating them altogether. It also allows you to establish a baseline to measure the impact of your changes over time. The more detailed the information, the more you will be able to do with it.

Assistance with waste audits is available in the Florence area from trained Master Recyclers. Online resources are also available:

Setting Up A Program
www.deq.state.or.us/wmc/cwrc.html

Construction Waste Management
www.oikos.com/library/waste/index.htm

Reusing: Money Saver, Money Maker

The following regional outlets provide cost-effective, resource wise ways to obtain and dispose of used or surplus materials.

Habitat for Humanity Donate used building materials instead of producing waste through demolition and you could earn a significant tax deduction and community recognition! This Florence based non-profit housing organization accepts some salvaged materials. Call 541-902-9227 to discuss recovery at your next project.

BRING Recycling Shop the widest selection of used building supplies between Portland and San Francisco at 86641 Franklin Blvd. in Eugene. Each month, the BRING Warehouse takes in nearly 40 tons of building materials and other reusable items donated by contractors, the public and businesses. They also offer a wide range of deconstruction services to aid in material recovery. Open seven days a week, call for seasonally adjusted hours and details on deconstruction services: 541-746-3023.

Sand Ranch A reuse business especially suited for those in the construction/demolition trade. Located at 87542 Hwy 101 in Florence, Sand Ranch accepts scrap vegetative matter, concrete and asphalt. They also sell sand stabilizing mulch. Open Mon- Thu, 7 am- 4 pm and Fri- Sun, 8 am- 4 pm for self serve.

NW Materials Exchange Whether you're seeking industrial materials or you've got surplus to get rid of, thousands of options for buying, selling and exchanging can be found at: www.nwmaterialsmart.org

BRING's Materials Exchange (BMEX) A free local listing service for businesses and individuals with reusable scraps, overruns, and other discards can be accessed at: www.bringrecycling.org/bmex.html

Ink Cartridges Several companies in Eugene provide printer, fax and other cartridge refilling services for customers nationwide. Save money and resources by mailing your cartridges in for refill. Try Rapid Refill at 541-344-4465 or Redundant Cartridge at 541-302-1444.

Use rechargeable!



For more information on reuse, visit: www.redo.org

Recycling: Easier Than Ever

Whether garbage disposal is handled by your business or you rely on one of the local hauling companies, recycling a wide variety of materials in the Florence area has never been easier. Recycling is FREE through the following service providers:

- Lane County Transfer and Recycling Station
2820 Rhododendron Drive, Florence
541-997-6243, Open Mon-Sat 8am- 6pm
Hazardous Waste Roundups are held biannually.
Call 541-682-4120 to register.
- Central Coast Disposal 541-902-7554
- County Transfer & Recycling 541-997-8233

Comingling Rules

Paper, Plastics, Cardboard, Tin, Aluminum and Glass

Always check with your recycling provider on what is accepted for recycling and for specific sorting instructions. Many items are no longer required to be source separated by grade, making it easy to boost recycling in the workplace. For example, try placing mixed office paper recycling boxes by each trash can.



Electronics Computers, copy machines, scanners and other electronics can be recycled for free or for a small fee at the Glenwood Central Receiving Station, 3100 E. 17th Avenue Eugene. Businesses can schedule drop off appointments for the third Wednesday of the month by calling 541-682-3111.

Green Waste/Food If your business deals with organic materials, consider composting, nature's recycling, as a way to reduce your waste stream. A worm bin is a particularly good composting method for tight spaces. For examples and instructions on how to establish your own compost system, visit the City's Compost Demonstration Site at the Florence Food Share Garden, 2190 Spruce Street.

For more information on recycling, visit the recycling page at: www.ci.florence.or.us