

BUSINESSES: Why Recycle?

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IT'S THE LAW

Pennsylvania Act 101 requires commercial, municipal and institutional establishments to recycle aluminum, high-grade office paper, and corrugated paper.

FINANCIAL INCENTIVES

1. Reduce your waste disposal cost by sending less to the landfill.
2. Assist your municipality in obtaining its eligible share of recycling performance grant funds, based upon the community's effort.

The Market for Recycled Materials:

Approximate price/ton after material has been sorted and sent back to a processor:

- Cardboard: \$35/ton
- Magazines: \$35-40/ton
- Newspapers: \$45/ton
- Office Mix (office paper, junk mail): \$75/ton

ENVIRONMENTAL INCENTIVES

Save landfill space:

- Each ton of recycled paper saves over 3 cubic yards of landfill space.

Save energy:

- Making recycled aluminum requires 95% less energy than making new aluminum.

Reduce pollution and waste:

- Making paper from recycled materials causes 74% less air pollution and 35% less water pollution.

PLENTY OF ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT

1. As much as 93% of all office waste is paper, most of it recyclable.
2. Typical business offices generate almost 2 pounds of waste paper per employee each day.
3. Commercial recyclables account for 50% of all materials that could be diverted from landfill disposal.

HELPFUL Information

Recycle

PRACTICAL RECYCLING FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

A small office may not be able to effectively recycle by itself, due to producing too little volume to justify the costs of collection.

Team Up!

- Adjoining businesses and complexes may jointly manage recycling cost-effectively.
- Most major waste-haulers also provide recycling solutions.

Reduce Waste

- Eliminate junk mail – remove company name from direct mail lists.
- Make double sided copies.
- Re-use packing peanuts or donate them.

Inform and Educate

- Familiarize current and new employees with company policy and recycling procedures.

FREE WASTE ASSESSMENT!

Do you really know what types of waste your company generates? A waste assessment can help determine the composition of your business waste stream, and see how it is being handled. The Pennsylvania Resources Council performs waste assessments free of charge; contact them at (412) 488-7490 for an analysis.

FURTHER RESOURCES

<http://www.dep.state.pa.us/deputate/airwaste/wm/RECYCLE/101rpt00/2000status.htm>
http://www.dep.state.pa.us/deputate/airwaste/wm/RECYCLE/document/econ_study.htm
http://www.dep.state.pa.us/deputate/airwaste/wm/RECYCLE/Tips/Office_Bldgs.htm
<http://www.county.allegheny.pa.us/achd/recycle/index.asp>
<http://www.prc.org>

Did you know... that you can make a tax-deductible donation of useable building materials to the non-profit organization **"Construction Junction"**? Phone (412) 799-0805 for more information.