

Waste Management Ideas

- Establish a small pollution prevention, waste reduction and/or energy conservation committee consisting of management and staff, encouraging ideas for environmental enhancement.
- Create top management support by adopting an environmental policy statement for your facility.
- Conduct a facility "walkthrough" or self-evaluation to assess current environmental conditions and identify areas for improvement.
- Identify operations where large quantities of water and energy are used, and those that generate a high volume of waste, and assign priority action to be taken in those areas.
- Seek employee and client suggestions, and find other ways to involve them in your environmental program.
- Work with waste haulers to clarify bills and to optimize collection frequency and size of dumpsters. Determine the level of fill of dumpsters when pulled and schedule on a "when-called" basis.
- Evaluate alternatives to the current method of disposing of corrugated cardboard for possible lower cost.
- Implement recycling of glass.
- Implement recycling of metal.
- Implement recycling of plastic food containers.
- Evaluate and/or broaden the practice of purchasing landscaping supplies in bulk containers and in containers that can be returned to suppliers.
- Store all liquid supplies on impervious shelving to avoid spills.
- Cap drains in the maintenance garage to prevent runoff of oils, greases, antifreeze, and other maintenance fluids.
- Place all paint and lubricant metal cans, including depressurized, drained and punctured aerosol cans, in the steel scrap collection container for recycling.
- Investigate and implement any identified non-aerosol options (aerosol replacement).
- Collect and recycle used fluorescent tubes using a listing of local vendors.
- Evaluate the use of a wood chipper for the woodpile, providing compost for adjacent landowners and/or association owners.
- Consider composting as much biomass as possible for reuse on course.
- Investigate possibilities for the disposal of used oil (i.e. used oil furnace in the maintenance building).

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- Pursue the proper disposal of barrels of contaminated soils and/or fuels.
- Evaluate the replacement of gasoline powered golf carts with electric carts.
- Install a 24-inch intake fan in the pump house to make up exhausted air.
- When possible, use reclaimed water (storm water) for irrigation.
- Consider an air station to remove grass clippings prior to washing.
- Evaluate potential for local regulatory agency to conduct a hazardous waste audit.
- Seek recognition for your environmental efforts and share your experience with others. Celebrate your achievements.
- Conduct an energy audit. Contact your energy utility or an energy services company to arrange a site visit.
- Make sure your building systems (e.g., boilers, fans and pumps) are operating efficiently. Optimize efficiency through regular inspections and preventative maintenance.
- Specify maintenance supplies (paints, finishes, cleaners, caulks, sealants) that are low-emitters of potential indoor air contaminants. Ask vendors and manufacturers to help select the safest products available that can accomplish the job effectively.