



The Format Group, LLC

Solid Waste Services started the WasteSMART program to recognize local businesses that reduce and recycle waste and buy recycled products...

The Story

The Format Group LLC is a full service production house specializing in the education market. They provide our customers with effective solutions to their challenges, from pieces of projects to turnkey workflows.

How They Do It

The industry is very paper-intensive. The Format Group prints two sided whenever possible and also have a dedicated “recycle” printer which is stocked with paper that has only been printed on one side.

The Format Group has always donated office paper to schools. Everything else is collected for curbside recycling. Before this option was available, team members who would take cardboard, glass and cans to Ecology Action for recycling. Additionally, staff purchases paper with the highest post-consumer recycled content that is allowed in their printers.

Above and beyond

Staff regularly recycles:

- Compact florescent bulbs
- Batteries for disposal
- Used toner cartridges to schools
- Old computers are donated to Goodwill

The Format Group recently switched from rolls of paper towels in the bathrooms and kitchen to the in-wall dispenser style towels; these are generally smaller and also can be purchased with a much greater post-consumer waste content than the rolls of paper towels.

They’ve also switched to wall-mounted hand soap dispensers in the bathrooms and kitchen, reducing the associated amount of packaging.

Periodic emails are sent reminding employees of what is recyclable. Instructions are posted at the main recycling container in the break room, as well as the paper recycling containers around the office.

Recycling is something that is easy for most people to rally around, and everyone at The Format Group is happy to do their part and participate. Everyone finds satisfaction in knowing that they are working to be a responsible corporate citizen.