



Trans-Pak Southwest

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

The Story

Trans-Pak Southwest is a wooden crate manufacturing company. They mainly make wooden crates to ship high-tech equipment all over the world.

The Program

Trans-Pak Southwest is committed to implementing effective environmental practices. Trans-Pak understands that the only way to accomplish this is to educate all employees on the benefits of recycling, and to initiate a Waste Reduction Program.

Their Program consists of three parts:

- Waste reduction
- Recycling
- Buying recycled content products

The office recycles cardboard, aluminum cans and plastic bottles, used media, old phone books, as well as batteries and toner cartridges. The warehouse recycles wood scraps and off-spec wood, scrap metal and metal drums and strapping material, scrap plastic foam, bubble wrap and shrink wrap, and cardboard. Outdated computers are donated for reuse as well.

Also Notable

Staff buys recycled products when possible. Although many office products are purchased

by their home office and they don't have control over the contract, they are evaluating what recycled content products can be used in the office. They are also working with their customer base to determine which items in the manufacturing process could be substituted for materials that have recycling content.

Education

At new employee orientation recycling is covered. It is also discussed in staff meetings and educational posters are placed throughout the facility. Bilingual recycling stickers are posted on recycling containers. The recycling is monitored at least twice a day. As a result, if a recyclable product was accidentally placed in the trash, staff behavior would be corrected.