



House Pizzeria

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

For being the new kid on the block, House Pizzeria is already earning fans. The wood-burning oven and a commitment to local, organic and homemade products make this neighborhood pizza joint a welcome addition at 51st Street and Airport Boulevard. But it's not just their pies that are ground-breaking, it's also their dedication to "greening" their operations.

How They Do It

House Pizzeria focuses on buying products that minimize waste, such as Georgia Pacific coreless toilet paper rolls. They use fabric napkins instead of paper and have efficient electric hand dryers in lieu of paper towels in the restrooms. Waste reduction plays into every purchasing decision at House Pizzeria. Employees handle all dining room waste (no receptacles in dining area) to eliminate opportunity for things to be accidentally sent to the landfill.

House Pizzeria regularly recycles:

- Cardboard
- Paper
- Glass
- Plastic
- Metal

House Pizzeria has adopted a written purchasing policy for recycled-content products.

Some of the recycled products they purchase include:

- Paper towels
- Toilet paper
- Office paper

The building itself incorporates many recycled materials, such as:

- Fly ash in the concrete
- Salvaged gym floors used for bars, counters and tables
- Used shipping pallets used for the porch beams

Above and Beyond

All employees are trained to understand what bin should be used for which waste stream. Employees are responsible for bussing all tables and handling all waste.

So far, House Pizzeria has never exceeded capacity of their 90-gallon city garbage cart that is picked up once a week. They continue to decrease the size of the container, as the city allows. They frequently have far more recycling than will fit in the two 90-gallon containers that are picked up once every two weeks.

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House Pizzeria aims to reduce both garbage output and the recycling output by generating less waste, and by generating re-use streams.

Making Green Pizza

The waste reduction measures are a source of pride for House Pizzeria employees and the company is saving money by not needing to lease a dumpster or a hauling service. With all the steps being taken to reduce their environmental impact, it's easy to see there is more green at House Pizzeria than the pizza toppings.