

# Reducing Institutional Waste

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# Vision of the District

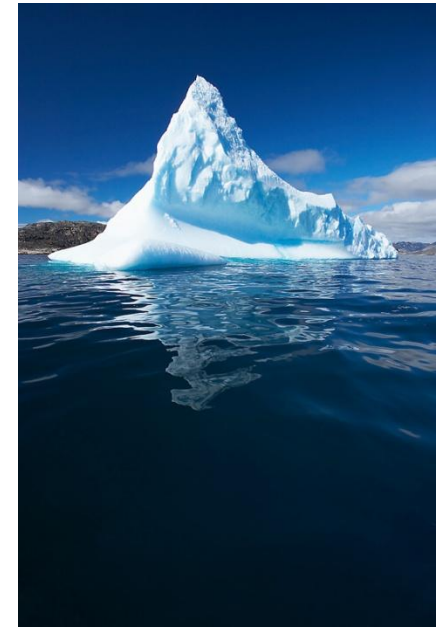
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The Hamilton County Recycling and Solid Waste District provides ethical environmental leadership to equitably promote the public good through innovative and responsible strategies leading to the management of all waste as a resource that leads to a society that generates zero waste.

# Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

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For every pound of waste you generate, 71 more pounds were created upstream in the manufacturing of that product!\*

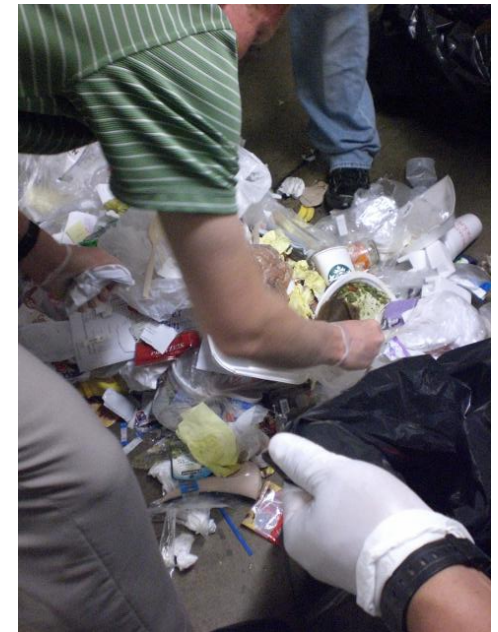


\*Platt, Brenda and Seldman, Neil. *Wasting and Recycling in the United States 2000*.  
Institute for Local Self Reliance, 2000.

# Waste Assessment

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- ❑ Large downtown office building
- ❑ Pollution Prevention (P2) Intern

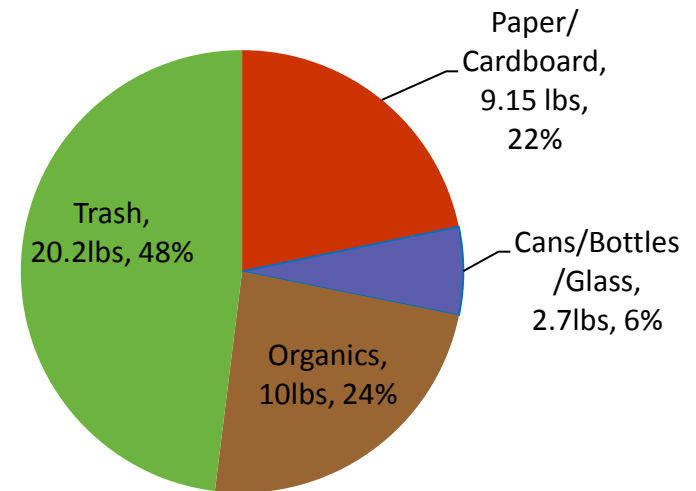


# Waste Assessment

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- ❑ What was in the trash?
- ❑ Recyclables
- ❑ Take out containers
- ❑ Disposable coffee cups
- ❑ Organics

Trash Stream  
(Category, weight [lbs], percentage)





# Waste Assessment Results

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- If all the recyclables in the trash had been recycled, there would have been about 60% diversion
- Diverting about 11 tons of waste would lead to 3 fewer hauls of the trash compactor per quarter, resulting in an annual cost savings up to \$4,440

# Identify “Low-Hanging Fruit”

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- ❑ Waste Assessment
- ❑ What do we throw away the most?
- ❑ What will be the easiest to reduce?
- ❑ What will be the easiest to recycle?

# Cincinnati Children's Hospital

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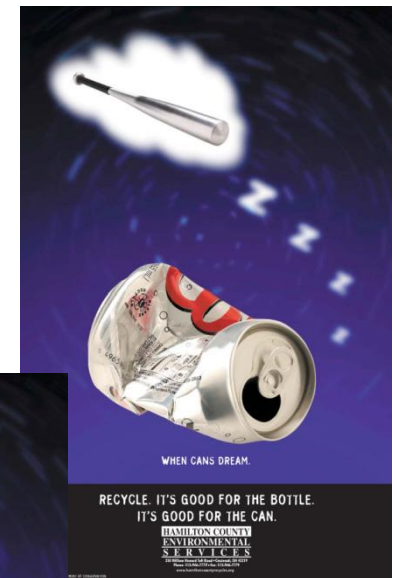
- Case Study for starting a recycling program
- Go Green Team
- Top Management Support
- Pilot
- Kick-Off Event



**Cincinnati  
Children's**<sup>®</sup>  
Hospital Medical Center

# Kick Off Event and Education

- Earth week booth
- Free coffee with your own mug
- Article in employee newsletter
- Email to all employees
- Posters in elevators

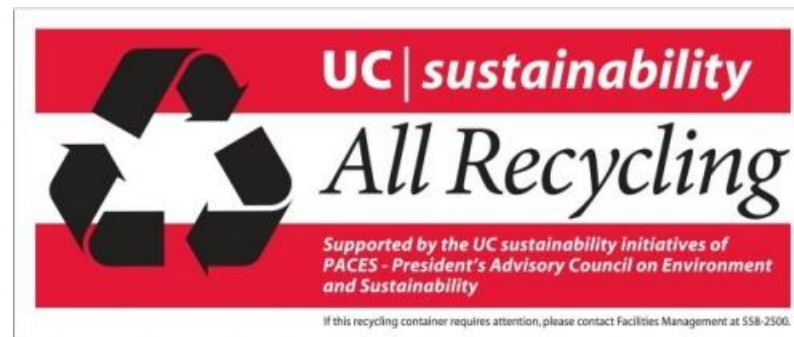




# University of Cincinnati



- ❑ Staff Collection is Key
- ❑ Integrated into housekeeping rounds
- ❑ Make recycling as easy as wasting
- ❑ Central locations on each floor



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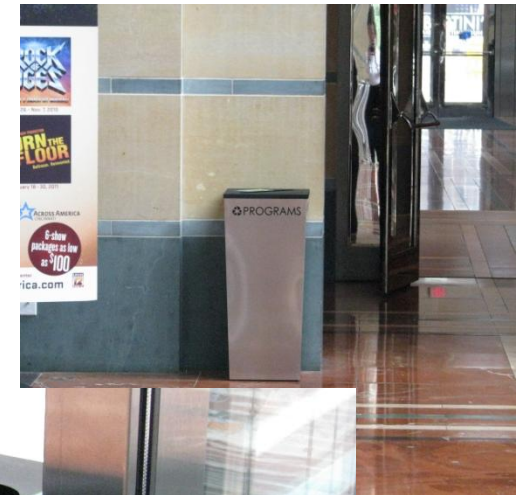
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- Athletic Events
- Special Events
- 12 Sustainability Advocates
- Student Employees

# Aronoff Center for the Arts

- 700,000 people every year
- “Act Green” branding
- Clearly labeled containers



# The Christ Hospital

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- ❑ Composting kitchen scraps
- ❑ Two Earth Tubs in operation this year
- ❑ Grant funding
- ❑ OEPA Class II License



# Reducing Waste at Work

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- ❑ Double-sided printing
- ❑ Smaller margins
- ❑ Bring your own mug
- ❑ Cafeteria trays, cutlery
- ❑ Electronic newsletters and correspondence
- ❑ *Interchange* listing



# District Programs

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- Recycling at Work
- Pollution Prevention (P2) Intern
- *The Interchange*
- Waste Assessment
- Go Green Challenge
- ODNR Community Development Grant
- District Priority Grant



# Contact Information

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