

## **Reducing Institutional Waste**

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RSWD helps hospitals, schools, and even small organizations with reducing waste from setting up programs to figuring out where they can improve

- "for every pound of waste you create, 71 more pounds were create upstream in the manufacturing of that product"

### Case studies:

#### **A. Random office building:**

Waste assessment- aka dumpster diving to figure out what the company was throwing away at an office building

Pollution Prevention/ Intern program

what was in the trash: at least 22% was recyclable paper, 6% was bottles and cans, 24% organics take out containers, disposable coffee cups

- these things add up over time, and it helped them realize they could improve on their recycling program

What do we throw away the most, what will be the easiest reduce/recycle

#### **B. Cincinnati Children's Hospital: Starting a recycling program**

- used a Go Green team, top management support, Pilot program, kickoff event [booth at earth week, free coffee with their own mug, email to all employees, newsletter, posters]

#### **C. University of Cincinnati**

- Staff Collection (volunteers are unreliable)

-integrated into housing grounds

-make recycling as easy as wasting

-central locations on each floor

- 12 student employees, sustainability advocates, collect from all of UC's events

#### **D. Aronoff Center for the Arts:**

Act Green

Clearly label recycling containers

#### **E. The Christ Hospital**

compost kitchen scraps, they recycle everything and are going organic  
compost organic on site,

### Reducing Waste at Work

-Double-sided printing, smaller margins

- Bring your own mug
- cafeteria trays, cutlery
- E-newsletters and e-correspondence
- Interchange listing

District Programs:

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

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Talks mostly about the importance and benefits of composting as well as what services Marvin's Organic Gardens offer (landscaping and taking in waste from different establishments and helping create composting programs  
Marvin's Organic Gardens, Lebanon, OH  
Sell organic gardening products

Food Waste Recycling/Compost

- It costs the same if not less to compost than to landfill waste
- Collects Cincinnati Zoo waste
- Use biodiesel
- Sam's Club- 150 tons per week of just veggie waste
- "Things that can't be recycled through Rumpke can be recycled through compost facility"
- use a mixer to mix the compost so that they can mix it and that helps compost break down faster
- "At a business, composting organic waste can be as easy as recycling. it's all about setting up a program and getting team/staff on board."