

City of Tukwila

"Business Recycler of the Year"

Hall of Fame!

Since 2006, the City of Tukwila Business Recycling Program has selected an outstanding "Business Recycler of the Year." Each year, businesses that join the Tukwila Green Works program are eligible for this award. These businesses exhibit excellence in recycling, buying recycled products, reducing waste as well as conserving resources such as energy and water. For more information on the Business Recycler of the Year program or to apply for the Tukwila Green Works Program, contact the City at recycle@tukwilawa.gov.



2018: Blanchard Electric

Recycling Company: Waste Management
Recycling Rate: 98%

Achievements:

- Extremely high recycling rate!
- Todd Francis has worked hard to find recycling and reuse opportunities for unusual items that they generate.
- They reuse materials like bags, packing materials, Styrofoam, pallets.
- Collection containers are easily accessible throughout the facility and well labeled.

2017: Cascade View Elementary

Recycling Company: Waste Management
Recycling Rate: 54%

Achievements:

- All 500 students and staff participate in recycling and composting in the cafeteria.
- Mrs. Florez and her fourth grade students started the program through posters, crafts, announcements and help monitoring the containers.
- Mr. Kistol managed logistics for collection of materials.
- They are the first school in Tukwila to compost food scraps.



Questions? Want More information? Contact the City of Tukwila

<http://www.tukwilawa.gov/recycling/businessrecycling.html>
Or email the City of Tukwila at recycle@tukwilawa.gov





2017: Jeld-Wen

Jeld-wen.com

Recycling Company: Waste Management

Recycling Rate: 50%

Type of Business: Manufacturer

Achievements:

- Reuse materials like bags, super sacks, industrial containers and totes.
- Conserve resources through innovative strategies such as eliminating waste water.
- Recycle unusual items such as pallets.

2016: Pro Time Sports

www.protimesports.com

Recycling Companies: Waste Management

Recycling Rate: 75%

Type of Business: Athletic Uniforms and Gear

Achievements:

- Reuse materials such as pallets, office supplies and shipping supplies.
- Water stations are provided for employees to refill their own water containers.
- Purchase recycled content supplies such as boxes, folders and envelopes.
- Plastic pallet wrap and bags are collected for recycling.



2015: Sahale Snacks

www.sahalesnacks.com



Recycling Companies: Waste Management & Tacoma Metals

Recycling Rate: 67%

Type of Business: Food Manufacturer

Achievements:

- Reusable containers are used throughout their process.
- Recycling containers are readily available and well labeled throughout the facility for easy and convenient recycling.
- Plastic cups were phased out in exchange for all employees receiving reusable mugs.
- Ambitious goal of 95% recycling rate by 2020.
- Excellent composting practices.





2014: Mighty O Donuts

www.mightyo.com

Recycling Companies: Waste Management, Cedar Grove

Recycling Rate: 70%

Type of Business: Food Manufacturer

Achievements:

- Reusable dishes provided to employees.
- Staff choose recyclable or compostable packaging for Products.
- Reusable crates are used for transporting product.
- Over baked donuts are given to Food Lifeline.
- Paper is reused on both sides.
- Recycled content products are preferred when purchasing.

2013: King County Housing Authority

www.kcha.org

Recycling Companies: Waste Management and Cedar Grove

Recycling Rate: 57%

Type of Business: Government Agency

Achievements:

- Decreased paper use by 9% using Percuts program.
- An environmental purchasing policy and conservation standard is in place.
- Eco friendly construction of new buildings with features such as replaceable carpet squares, low flow/dual flush toilets and low flow sink aerators.
- Composts food scraps and food soiled paper in all kitchens.
- Strong education program for employees including waste sorts and signage throughout the building.



2012: Rainier Industries

www.rainier.com

Recycling Companies: CWRR, Rainier Wood, Pacific Iron and Metal, Laird Plastics, RockTenn

Recycling Rate: 70%

Type of Business: Manufacturer of fabric and display products



Achievements:

- ISO 14001 Certified
- A wide variety of materials are recycled. A staff team worked hard to determine markets for difficult to recycle items, such as vinyl.
- Waste reduction and recycling results are shared with employees.
- Compostable products are used for all employee events.
- Containers for recycling are well labeled and located conveniently throughout their facility.

2011: United Stationers

www.unitedstationers.com

Recycling Company: Rock Tenn

Recycling Rate: 84%

Type of Business:

Wholesale business products distributor

Achievements:

- Increased recycling rate from 51% to 84% through aggressive waste reduction and recycling strategies.
- Waste reduction strategies include: centralizing printing materials, reusing packaging materials and donating unwanted materials to local charitable organizations.
- Recycled products are purchased, including copier/printing paper, packing materials and packaging supplies. They also sell recycled products.
- Occupancy sensors and compact fluorescent lights were installed to conserve energy.
- Formed a team to focus on green strategies for the business.



2010: Grainger

www.grainger.com

Recycling Company: Waste Management

Recycling Rate: 51%

Type of Business: Industrial supplies distributor



Achievements:

- Recycles a variety of materials including: card board, paper, metal, plastic, glass, pallets, toner cartridges, fluorescent lamps, Styrofoam, batteries and organic waste.
- Reduces paper use through practices such as electronic invoicing.
- Utilizes green cleaning products and policies.
- Installed hand dryers in bathrooms to replace paper towels.
- Re-uses materials such as boxes to reduce waste.
- Conserves water and energy through the use of low-flow urinals, timed faucets, point of use water heaters, retrofit fluorescent fixtures,

occupancy sensors on lights, programmable thermostats and adjusted employee shifts. They have reduced energy costs from approximately \$15,000 a month to \$8,000 a month, as a result.

2009: Complete Office

www.complete-office.com

Recycling Company: SeaDruNar

Recycling Rate: 81%

Type of Business: Office Supply company

Achievements:

- Recycled 36,000 pounds of scrap wood and 100,000 pounds of paper/plastic and cardboard 2009.
- Saved approximately \$2,300 per year by recycling materials.
- Changed warehouse lighting from metal halides T5 lighting, to save \$2,400 per year in energy costs.
- Emailed environmental tips to employees and customers.
- Formed a green team with members of each department and senior management.
- Organized a Green Symposium to promote green initiatives for clients and to educate on green products.
- Recycles paper, plastic, glass, aluminum, pallets, toner cartridges, fluorescent bulbs, Styrofoam, batteries and organic waste.



2008 (2 winners): Red Dot

www.reddotcorp.com

Recycling Company: SeaDruNar

Recycling Rate: 75%

Type of Business:

Provides design & production equipment, commercial trucks, construction equipment & military vehicles.

Achievements:

- Produced an environmental policy.
- Held quarterly management meetings to review adherence to international & local environmental standards and recycling efforts.
- Held environmental training for 416 employees (91%)
- Added approximately 200 recycling bins and recycling posters throughout two Tukwila facilities and improved collection practices.
- Implemented a battery recycling program.
- Started the "Green Squad."
- Won EPA's climate protection award.
- Incorporated an e-climate update in weekly employee newsletter.
- Phased out Styrofoam products.
- Achieved a recycling rate of over 75% of materials including steel, commingled recycling and pallets.



2008: Starfire Sports

www.starfiresports.com

Recycling Company: Allied Waste

Recycling Rate: 75%

Type of Business: Sports complex with 11 fields

Achievements:

- Added environmentally friendly turf to fields.
- Buys recycled office products.
- Reduced electricity use for lighting by 25%.
- Installed bathroom light sensors.
- Uses reclaimed water for fields.
- Purchased recycling containers to implement recycling on all soccer fields
- Increased recycling rate from 0% to 75% in one year!



2007: Shasta Beverages

www.shastapop.com or www.nationalbeverage.com

Recycling Company: Varied

Recycling Rate: 80%

Type of Business: Soft drink bottling company

Achievements:

- Strong recycling program with well-labeled, easily accessible containers throughout the plant.
- Recycling rate is over 80%.
- Reuse of materials such as buckets, drums and pallets.
- Buckets often advertised on King County's IMEX (industrial materials exchange) program
<http://www.govlink.org/hazwaste/business/imex/>
- Practices over 20 different waste reduction strategies.
- Continues prioritizing recycling and waste reduction.



2006: Pacific Metal

www.pacificmetal.com

Recycling Company: CWRR

Recycling Rate: 90%

Type of Business: Metals service center

Achievements:

- Within one year, started recycling cardboard, paper, plastic film, pallets, bottles and cans.
- Reduced garbage by 92% in two years
- Saved approximately \$6,000 in garbage disposal costs in the first year of the program.
- Involved staff by incorporating their ideas to make an effective recycling program.
- Continued success and enthusiasm about recycling.



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