

City of Tukwila Business Recycler of the Year Hall of Fame

Since 2006, City of Tukwila Business Recycling Program has selected an outstanding Business Recycler of the Year. Businesses that join the Tukwila GreenWorks 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 GreenWorks Program, contact the City at Recycle@TukwilaWA.gov.

2022 Seattle Chocolate Factory

- Recycling rate: 61%
- Compost food and paper towels.
- Set up specialty recycling for plastic film, steel drums and shredded paper.
- Their products have sustainably sourced ingredients.
- Goal for reducing their carbon footprint 10% each year.



2018 Blanchard Electric

- Recycling rate: 98%
- Utilize special recycling programs for unusual items.
- Reuse materials like bags, packing materials, Styrofoam, pallets.
- Collection containers are easily accessible throughout the facility.



2017 Cascade View Elementary (two winners in 2017)

- Recycling rate: 54%
- All 500 students and staff participate in recycling and composting in the cafeteria.
- Fourth grade class made posters, crafts, and announcements. They also stood by containers to help students with sorting.
- The first school in Tukwila to compost food scraps.



2017 Jeld-Wen (two winners in 2017)

- Recycling rate: 50%
- Reuse materials like bags, super sacks and totes.
- Conserve resources through innovative strategies such as eliminating waste water.
- Recycle unusual items such as pallets.



2016 Pro Time Sports

- Recycling rate: 75%
- Reuse materials such as shipping supplies and pallets
- Water stations are provided for staff to refill water containers.
- Purchase recycled-content supplies.
- Recycle pallet wrap and bags through a local program.



2015 Sahale Snacks

- Recycling rate: 67%
- Use reusable containers throughout their process.
- Phased out plastic cups. Staff receive reusable containers.
- Goal of 95% recycling rate.
- Excellent composting practices.



2014 Mighty O Donuts

- Recycling rate: 70%
- Reusable dishes provided to employees.
- Packaging is compostable or recyclable.
- Reusable crates are used for transporting products.
- Over-baked donuts are given to local food banks.



2013 King County Housing Authority

- Recycling rate: 57%
- Decreased paper use by 9% using Papercuts program.
- Adopted an environmental purchasing policy and conservation standard.
- Eco-friendly construction of new buildings with features such as replaceable carpet squares, low flow/dual flush toilets and low flow sink aerators.
- Compost onsite.



2012 Rainier Industries

- Recycling rate: 70%
- ISO 14001 certified.
- Recycle many unusual items with specialty recyclers 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 throughout their facility.



2011 United Stationers

- Recycling rate: 84%
- Increased recycling rate from 51% to 84% through aggressive waste reduction and recycling strategies.
- Waste reduction strategies include: centralized printing materials, reusing packaging, and donating usable items to local charities.
- Formed a team to focus on green strategies.



2010 Grainger

- Recycling rate: 51%
- Utilize green cleaning products.
- Installed hand dryers to replace paper towels.
- Conserve water and energy through low flow urinals, timed faucets, point of use water heaters, retrofit fluorescent fixtures, occupancy sensors and programable thermostats.
- Reduced energy costs from \$15,000 per month to \$8,000 as a result.



2009 Complete Office

- Recycling rate: 81%
- Recycled 36,000 pounds of scrap wood and 100,000 pounds of paper and cardboard per year.
- Save approximately \$2,300 annually by recycling.
- Changed warehouse lighting and saved \$2,400 per year in energy costs.
- Organized a green symposium to promote green initiatives.



2008 Red Dot (two winners in 2008)

- Recycling rate: 75%
- Implemented an environmental policy and held environmental trainings for all 416 employees.
- Won EPA's climate protection award.
- Implemented a battery recycling program.
- Phased out Styrofoam products.



2008 Starfire Sports

- Recycling rate: 75%
- Added environmentally friendly turf to fields.
- Reduced electricity use for lighting by 25%
- Uses reclaimed water for fields.
- Purchased recycling containers to implement recycling on all soccer fields.
- Increased recycling from 0 – 75% in one year!



2007 Shasta Beverages

- Recycling rate: 80%
- Strong recycling program with well-labeled containers.
- Reuse materials such as buckets, drums, and pallets.
- Buckets are listed through King County's IMEX program.
- Prioritizes waste reduction strategies.



2006 Pacific Metal

- Recycling rate: 90%
- 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.
- Incorporated staff ideas to improve recycling.



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