

WESTIN HOTEL

Business:

- Westin Hotel
- 865 guest rooms
- Convention and meeting facilities, restaurants, and food/liquor operations
- 300 to 600 employees

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Seattle, WA 98109

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- WASTE REDUCTION / RECYCLING PROGRAM -

- White paper, mixed paper, cardboard, newspaper, glass, aluminum cans, scrap metal, and kitchen grease are recycled at the hotel.
- Primary collection efforts are from common areas, restaurants, food/liquor operations, banquet facilities, and administrative offices.
- The housekeeping staff recycles glass, aluminum cans, and paper from all guest rooms.
- Prepared, but unserved food is donated to a local foodbank for distribution to area feeding programs.

- BENEFITS / COST SAVINGS - KEY PROGRAM ELEMENTS -

- Thirty percent of the hotel's waste is being recycled.
- During 1992, over 280 tons of recyclables were diverted from landfills.
- Combined disposal savings and revenue for 1992 equaled roughly \$30,000.
- Two full-time employees work on recycling collection and consolidation of materials.
- A 15 member committee of both supervisors and employees from all involved departments works on the recycling program and employee education.
- The Westin's goal is to recycle 40%.

- COMMENTS -

"Getting into recycling was an eye-opener for us. We realized how much waste we were really generating and this enabled us to start an aggressive recycling program."

