



WARWICK HOTEL



Business:

- Warwick Hotel
- 230 guest rooms
- Restaurant and banquet facilities
- 150 employees

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- WASTE REDUCTION / RECYCLING PROGRAM -

- The hotel is collecting glass, tin, aluminum, #1 and #2 plastics, as well as cardboard, white paper, and mixed paper.
- Boxes for paper are located at every deskside, by printers, and in the copy/mail room.
- Receptacles for food and drink containers are found in the restaurant, banquet, and employee kitchens, in addition to those guest floors with a pop machine.
- Hotel guests are asked to set aside recyclables in their rooms to be picked up later by the house-keeping staff.
- In the offices, computer paper is reused for drafts and photocopying is double-sided whenever possible. Reports and memos are shared and envelopes also get used several times.

- BENEFITS / COST SAVINGS -

- Cardboard is picked up for free by an independent. All other recyclables and garbage are collected by a commercial hauler for a fee.
- Through waste reduction and recycling, the hotel has reduced the number of pick-ups of their 5 yard garbage container from four times per week to two.
- Their efforts have resulted in monthly savings of \$730 or 37% of the hotel's monthly waste disposal bill.
- In addition to the direct savings, employee morale has improved and feedback from many guests about recycling has been positive.

- KEY PROGRAM EL-S -

- Employee input, before and after recycling began, was critical to the program's success.
- After the program was designed, education was the next step. A mandatory meeting was scheduled for both management and staff where the recycler made a presentation. One-on-one instruction and informational memos then followed the meetings.
- The recycling program is promoted to guests and staff alike through signs around the hotel.

- COMMENTS -

"The response from our staff has been great. And several guests have mentioned how glad they are that we recycle."