

## Why start a waste reduction program at your hotel?

- \* Reduce Waste Generated
- \* Conserve Energy
- \* Conserve Water
- \* Earth Friendly
- \* Saves YOU money

## Examples

See how free waste assessments helped other hotels in Florida!

### **Large Hotel** 400 + rooms:

Recycled 81 tons over a six month period. Made more than \$3000 in recovered materials revenue.

### **Medium Hotel** 101-399 rooms:

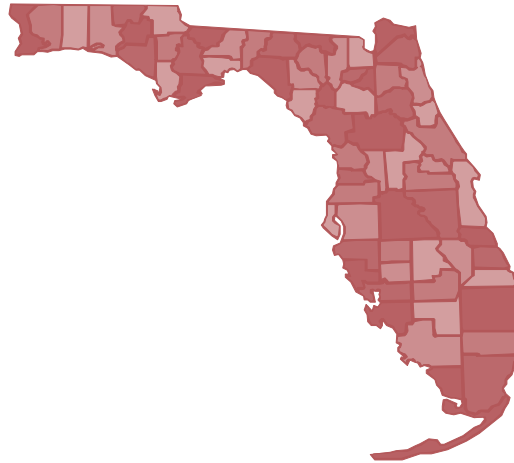
Recycled 891 pounds over a six month period Received \$64.56 in recovered material revenue

### **Small Hotel** up to 100 rooms:

Recycled 3158 pounds over a six month period. Able to reduce solid waste pick-ups to twice a week collection, saving \$78.28/month or \$939.36/year.



## WASTE REDUCTION in Hotel & Motels A Guide for the Lodging



If you would like a free waste assessment at your facility or for more information contact:

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Waste Reduction Section  
2600 Blair Stone Road, MS #4570  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-2400  
Phone: (850)488-03 00  
Fax: (850)921-8061

Web Site:

<http://www.floridadep.org/dwm/programs/recycling/>



## Hotel/Motel Money Saving & Waste Reduction Guide

# Saving Money, Saving Resources...

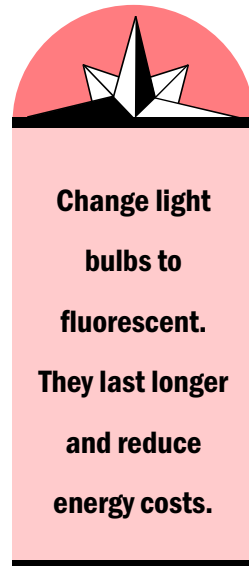
## Strategies

- \* Change from disposable to reusable products such as serving ware, napkins, buckets, rags, etc.

### Reduce

- \* Use e-mail whenever possible

- \* Buy bulk and concentrates - save on packaging waste
- \* Work with supplier to return packaging, transport materials and plastic containers
- \* Use full cost accounting in purchasing decisions
- \* Close the loop - Buy products made from recycled materials
- \* **Contact us for more money saving ideas**
- \* Recycle office paper



### Improve Your Hotel's Image!

- \* Give guests the option to choose whether their sheets and towels need to be replaced daily
- \* Display attractive, professional looking cards in guest rooms. These explain what your hotel is doing for the environment and how guests can help!
- \* Use dispensers rather than single use bottles and bars in bathrooms. Provide glasses rather than paper cups.
- \* **This program saves water and energy and is good for the hotel's image!**

### Reuse

- \* Use partial toilet paper rolls in staff bathrooms

### Recycle

- \* Make cleaning towels out of damaged towels and linens
- \* Ask you local dry cleaner to take excess hangers

### Common Recyclables

Do you recycle...

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Glass             | <input type="checkbox"/> Motor Oil                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic           | <input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cardboard         | <input type="checkbox"/> Scrap Metal              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Phone books       | <input type="checkbox"/> Freon                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tires             | <input type="checkbox"/> Wood                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Paper             | <input type="checkbox"/> Carpet and Padding       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cans              | <input type="checkbox"/> Ink Cartridges and Toner |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Paint             | <input type="checkbox"/> Sheets and Towels        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fluorescent Bulbs | <input type="checkbox"/> Appliances               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen Grease    |   |



Money can be made by selling some of these materials, however the largest savings will come from reduced disposal volumes.