



Improve your current recycling program

Even if you already recycle there is always more you can do - 75 percent of businesses have some form of recycling program, but only half of recyclable paper and cardboard in the Lower Mainland actually gets recycled.

Here are some ways to improve recycling around your work place:

- Place paper recycling bins close to where waste paper is generated (beside workstations, printers, photocopiers, fax machines and mailroom).
- Make sure bins are clearly labelled so they don't get contaminated with garbage. You can find printable recycling signs [here](#).
- In a small office, have someone take your recyclables to a depot rather than getting a pick-up.
- Research recycling companies to see which ones in your area offer a variety of services that you can customize to suit your office.
- Make sure that everyone is on the same page—employees, management, janitorial staff, and program coordinators.
- Plan a regular overhaul of the program. Once per year audit your garbage to see what materials are still ending up in the trash.



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Local Inspiration

London Drugs takes back any packaging that they sell for recycling. Their 68 stores recycle one semi truck per week of polystyrene, and 1,000 pounds of shrink wrap per day.

Lululemon replaced larger garbage cans with min-bins to reinforce the message of 'reduce, reuse, recycle.' Each staff member is responsible to empty their own bin so they are mindful of the waste they create.

Nature's Path optimized the size of their boxed cereal to make full use of the pallet envelope when shipping. This means when shipping they get six more boxes per pallet, less shifting and breakage, and reduced emissions, fuel and energy consumption.

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