

ZER waste TO LANDFILL



Orange City and Marcus facilities achieve Zero Waste to Landfill status

Why did we do this?

Due to the large size of our facilities, tons of trash was being sent to landfill. We wanted to make a conscious effort to do something different, to go further than most to limit negative effects on our Earth.

How did we do this?

Becoming a Zero Waste to Landfill facility didn't happen overnight. It took systematic change in all areas of the facility and business to reach this lofty yet necessary goal. Research was conducted. Feelers were put out to recyclers. Trash cans were removed. That was just the start of this huge initiative that we've undertaken for the betterment of our planet.

Since then, the project has grown into a massive operation in which corrugate is auctioned off to recyclers and non-recyclable waste is sent to a facility in Minnesota to be incinerated for power generation. Additionally, personal trash cans have been removed from personnel's desks in favor of hubs to encourage recycling and the elimination of plastic trash can liners.



How can we do more?

As of December 2019, we sent 6 tons of waste per month to the energy facility which translates to a 40% waste reduction from the beginning of the year. We also recycled 419 tons of corrugate, 21 tons of plastic and 12 tons of white paper. However, we know we can do more! Moving forward, we will continue to be creative in ways to reduce waste and refine waste stream to as little as possible. Looking at other areas, such as electricity use reduction and increased recycling efforts can also help.

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