



Solid Waste



Implement a food and resource conservation program

Description

With an increase in eco-conscious awareness throughout the world, hotels can easily implement programs that include donating food and other resources, such as, toiletries, linens, and bedding. It is estimated that one-quarter of all food produced in the United States is wasted. Food service providers, as well as hotels, can reduce this amount of waste by donating leftover fresh or prepackaged foods.

Procedures

Perform an audit and categorize food waste, toiletries (tissue paper, toilet paper, soap, shampoo, and conditioner) in your hotel.

Once you have collected data on your hotel's waste-generation of food and/or toiletries and associated costs, review the information for savings opportunities. Whereas most waste haulers have fees for pickup and the amount removed, you can find nonprofit organizations to pickup unwanted food, toiletries, lines, and bedding free of charge. By looking to such a nonprofit, it may be possible to reduce the frequency of annual pickups by as many as six.

Contact [**Rock and Wrap It Up!**](#) and determine the closest agency-in-need (homeless shelter, faith-based organization, food bank) unless you are already working with such an agency. Rock and Wrap It Up! will work with your hotel to arrange for the pick-up of these items along with a pre-approved pickup schedule.