

Pilot Recycling Survey “Top-Line” Results

Survey Information

- Representatives from 17 Departments Responded
- 8 Facilities Represented
- A total of 2495 employees (estimated) represented
- Weighted average used for employee-based questions

Question 1: Do employees have a waste and recycle bin at their workstation?

By Department (out of 17):

Yes – 15

No – 2

Weighted Analysis:

Yes – 85%

No – 15%

Government Center Only:

Yes – 100%

No – 0%

Question 2: Of the bins at the employee workstation, are they clearly marked?

By Department (out of 17):

Yes – 13

No – 4

Weighted Analysis:

Yes – 77%

No – 23%

Government Center Only:

Yes – 68%

No – 32%

Question 3: Do you believe employees know how to sort between waste and recycle?

By Department (out of 17):

Yes – 9

No – 4

May Need Reminder Training: 4/17

Weighted Analysis:

Yes – 51%

No – 38%

May Need Reminder Training: 11%

Government Center Only:

Yes – 67%

No – 19%

May Need Reminder Training: 14%

Question 4: How would you describe the frequency of the employees in your facility to separate their recyclables from their trash?

By Department (out of 17):

Routinely – 11

Occasionally – 6

Never – 0

Weighted Analysis:

Routinely – 61%

Occasionally – 39%

Never – 0%

Government Center Only:

Routinely – 79%

Occasionally – 21%

Never – 0%

Question 5: Does your facility have large, separate waste and recycle bins (or cans) in common areas such as break rooms or lobby areas?

By Department (out of 17):

Yes – 16

No – 1

Question 6: Does your facility have a large collection container for recyclables in the dumpster area?

By Facility (out of 8):

Yes – 6

No – 1

I don't know - 1

Summary of Results

- The majority of employees have clearly marked recycling bins at their work stations
- About half of the employees represented in the survey either do not know how to properly sort between waste and recycling, or need reminder training
- One-third of employees represented only occasionally sort their waste from recycling
- The majority of breakrooms have recycling bins
- The majority of facilities have collection containers to dump recyclables for the pick-up

Conclusions

- Recyclable materials may not be disposed of properly due to lack of knowledge
- There is a need for employee recycling training and behavior modification efforts throughout the County