

Green Manufacturing Initiative

Oreck Manufacturing – Cookeville Plant



Background:

We, at Oreck Manufacturing are committed to becoming a community leader in Manufacturing Recycling efforts and Environmental stewardship.

Systems have steadily been integrated into our day to day activities to recycle and reuse internal and external materials to:

- Reduce Manufacturing Costs
- Reduce Landfill, disposal and overall Environmental Impact
- Benefit the community
- and, improve the Human Environment.

Energy Conservation:

Oreck is also actively involved in Energy conservation through development of a comprehensive Energy Program. We have partnered with local energy suppliers to investigate and implement reductions in overall Energy consumption.

Today, Oreck Manufacturing recycles:

- Cardboard
- Paper
- Aluminum
- Copper
- Steel
- Plastics
- Electric Motors
- Electronic Devices
- Light bulbs
- Batteries
- Oil
- Oil Absorbents
- Wooden Pallets
- Mercury switches
- Misc. Product Materials



some of our recycling collection centers..



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Some interesting facts about Recycling at Oreck:

- Oreck Manufacturing has recycled 80% of all outgoing waste streams. We are working toward an overall goal of 85%.
- More than 1.85 million pounds of waste has been captured and redirected for reuse.
- More than \$111,000 savings have been realized through a combination of material reuse, recycling revenue, and reduced landfill costs.
- Through our cardboard and paper recycling efforts alone, we have saved the equivalent of 5,300 trees in 2008.
- Recycling Universal wastes (electronics, lighting, etc) has saved over 14,400 cu. Yds. Of landfill space.
- Our metals recycling program has saved enough energy to power 267 60w light bulbs around the clock for one year.

In 2008, We recycled:

Cardboard: 631,000 lbs.

Metals: 97,400 lbs.

Electronics: 3,400 lbs.

Plastics: 307,000 lbs

Paper: 9,700 lbs.

Wood: 794,300 lbs.

Used Oil: 11,000 lbs.

