



The City of San Diego Commercial Recycling Profile

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The City of San Diego recognizes the efforts of Pfizer La Jolla who employs an aggressive waste minimization and recycling program that is applied across all levels of the organization.

A unique application of the sustainably-focused culture at Pfizer is their dynamic Green Chemistry Program. Through the use of a test-tube recycle / reuse system, 14,000 test tubes were reused in July 2010 alone, at an average of 10,000 to 15,000 reused monthly. Their program has also made great strides in reducing the use of hazardous chemicals. Additionally, Pfizer returns approximately 350 lbs / year of pipette tips to the manufacturer for reuse.

Pfizer's comprehensive recycling program extends to paper, metal plastics, glass, toner cartridges, universal waste, construction debris and landscaping waste. Employees were also encouraged to bring their batteries, fluorescent lamps and electronic waste from home to be included with Pfizer's electronic, fluorescent lamp and battery recycling program. In February 2011, their recycling techniques expanded to include onsite composting of pre-consumer food waste from the site's cafeteria. The compost, when finished, will be made available for employee use.

Pfizer continues to promote sustainability and further employee education through annual Environmental Health and Safety training events, and reinforces those messages at events like Pfizer's Earth Day celebration in April and the company's Environmental Health and safety day held at the end of the year.

