

# **“Demonstrate, Educate and Promote”**

## **Waste Reduction**

**Waste includes solid waste, vent hood operations, and storm water pollution.**

### **Solid Waste:**

**You probably have a system in place in your location. Call a local waste management company or your city office and ask for details. When you use waste services, you can generally save by increasing recycling and reducing waste. The savings comes after reducing the sizes of your containers and/or the frequency of the pick-ups.**

### **Hood Operations:**

**Your kitchen hood is responsible for taking dangerous fumes and particles from the inside to the outside of the building. This produces a form of waste. Be responsible and make sure your hood is doing its job efficiently and effectively.**

### **Storm Water Pollution:**

**Storm water pollution affects what you eat. Dangerous contaminants such as pesticides, motor oil, pet waste, cleaners, and other harmful pollutants get into storm drains, contaminating our waterways and**

**polluting the environment. It all adds up and it all comes back to you and your family.**

### **Light Green Tips:**

#### **Do**

- . Have your hoods serviced 4 to 12 times per year by a professional**
- . Have your employees cleaning once a day the visible parts of the hood and the filters**
- . Do not turn the hoods on earlier than necessary and turn them off as soon as possible at the end of the shift**

### **Dark Green Tips:**

#### **Do**

- . Have your hood inspected by a professional company and follow the new recommendations which may include redesigning your hood or changing the placement of your other equipment**

## **Recycling – Solid and Cooking Oil:**

**Today, we have a great selection to choose from, from Waste Management companies for Solid Waste and even Cooking Oil full service companies from delivery to recycling your old oil.**

### **Light Green Tips:**

#### **Do**

- . Reduce your waste**
- . Use the service of a Waste Management company**
- . Have and enforce efficient operational indoor recycling habits and behaviors**
- . Have a fryer oil recycling container, and program**
- . Create a “Zero-waste party” by:**

- Emailing invitations
- Using reusable dishware, glassware and flatware
- Using reusable decorative items
- Letting your guests craft their own gifts and souvenirs
- Using reusable gift wrap

For more info on compostable tableware and flatware, educational signage and a collection container, or for more ideas you can visit [www.ecocycle.org](http://www.ecocycle.org)

### Dark Green Tips:

**Do**

- . Use the service of a cooking oil company program

### Composting:

Composting has only 2 options: do it yourself and you can use it directly in your garden or landscaping and you will save money on fertilizers or have a specialized company to do it; they will provide a container and you will need to schedule the pick-up date.

### Light Green Tips:

**Do**

- . Do the composting yourself
- . Use the service of a composting company

### Dark Green Tips:

**Do**

- . Invest in large composting bins and area

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