

# Material Conservation

To receive stewardship recognition for **MATERIAL CONSERVATION**, a site must have taken actions to reduce total material usage or disposal. Conservation of materials applies to any production, consumption or disposal practices. This may include raw materials, consumables, packaging and wastes. In order to qualify for recognition, reductions must be production-adjusted and not due to a slow business cycle. All qualifying actions should be measurable and easily supported with bills or production records.



**REDUCE-REUSE-RECYCLE**

## Waste reduction through **MATERIAL CONSERVATION**

\*Site should be able to document type and quantity of materials exchanged/reused/recycled.

\*Exchanges or one-time events must have occurred within one year.

\*Process, product or formulation changes from anytime in the past must exceed current common practice.

\*Recycling must exceed mandatory requirements beyond county plan and municipal ordinance.

A **MATERIAL CONSERVATION** initiative should help:

- ⇒ Reduce excess material expenditures and needless consumption
- ⇒ Decrease air, water and soil contamination caused by the production, transport and decomposition of raw materials
- ⇒ Limit waste hauling expenses and landfill use
- ⇒ Utilize market functions to buy, sell or trade wastes with other environmentally conscious businesses

### Remember:

1. Durable goods and capital investment “life cycles” will not be considered for recognition.
2. Combustion of waste or recycling into a fuel will not be recognized.
3. Participation in waste exchange or recycling market programs is recommended.
4. New Jersey businesses receive sales tax exemption for the purchase of recycling equipment.
5. Material conservation spurs more efficient process, product or formulation changes.
6. Most operational wastes can be reused.

For more information on **MATERIAL CONSERVATION**, visit:

#### EHSO Waste Exchange Information

<http://www.ehso.com/wastexchg.php>

#### NJDEP — Recycling in New Jersey

<http://www.nj.gov/dep/dshw/recycling/materialsinfo.htm>

#### Association of New Jersey Recyclers

<http://www.anjr.com/>

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