



## Starting a Recycling Program ∞

There are so many reasons to recycle...to protect our planet and oceans, to save energy, and to help keep your region green. Here's information to get you started on creating a recycling program for your office, public space, school, fundraising group, or home.

- **Encourage & invite others who you want to participate:** Discuss the idea with your community. Invite their input, get them involved.
- **Make it convenient:** Location! Location! Location! Place recycling bins and signs in convenient places to help make recycling quick and easy.
- **Motivate Others:** Remind everyone of the positive results of recycling... use statistics about the environmental impacts of recycling vs. throwing things away to show how important recycling is to your community.
- **Talk to your local recycling authority:** Find out their business hours, about other products that can be recycled, and if they have a pick up service.
- **Spread the word:** Inform the public of your goal... Promote and publicize your recycling program with posters, signs, and local media.
- **Start a Trend.** Staff, neighbors, patrons...whatever your place or space, tell everyone about your recycling plan. Information quickly leads to participation.

### OTHER RESOURCES FOR CREATING A RECYCLING PROGRAM:

**King County, WA** shares information on how to start and maintain a recycling program in an office: [http://dnr.metrokc.gov/swd/bizprog/rec\\_assist/emplkit.htm](http://dnr.metrokc.gov/swd/bizprog/rec_assist/emplkit.htm)

**Erie, Pennsylvania** has created an informational website with resources for starting recycling programs in schools, at home and at workplaces: <http://www.recyclethis.org>

**Greater Philadelphia Commercial Recycling Council** has strategic information on how to institutionalize a recycling program in your community or office:  
<http://www.greenworks.tv/gpcrc/jumpstart.asp>

**Green Routine** provided much of the information on this sheet. They have other ideas on how to create recycling programs as well: [www.greenroutine.com](http://www.greenroutine.com) .