



PROVIDING COMMERCIAL & RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING SERVICES

RESTAURANT RECYCLING Waste vs. Recycling* Costs

(*Recycling Costs are based on actual invoices of Fisher Recycling – Grand Strand restaurants)

Small Restaurant:

- **Before - WASTE ONLY:** \$458.39/mo (2 – 6 yds/1x wk.); \$5500.68/annually
- **After – WASTE & RECYCLING:**
 - Waste - \$291.98/mo (2 – 4 yds/1x wk) with Recycling - \$166/mo (4 – 64 gallon roll carts/1x wk);
 - Annual Waste - \$3,503; Annual Recycling - \$1,992; Combined - \$5,495
- **Analysis – BREAK EVEN**, no outlay for recycling equipment or program costs, only time invested in changing program, habits and training & monitoring staff.

Large Restaurant:

- **Before - WASTE ONLY:** \$1,880/mo (2 – 8 yds/2x wk – 6 mo. Year/1x wk – other 6mo.); \$10,340/annually
- **After – WASTE & RECYCLING:**
 - Waste - \$774/mo (1 – 8 yds/1x wk) with Recycling - \$350/mo (7 – 64 gallon roll carts/3x wk);
 - Annual Waste - \$5,170; Annual Recycling - \$4,200; Combined - \$9,370
- **Analysis – COST SAVINGS;** no outlay for recycling equipment or program costs, only time invested in changing program, habits and training & monitoring staff.

Large Hotel:

- **Before - WASTE ONLY:** \$1,524/mo (1-34 yd compactor.); \$18,298/annually
- **After – WASTE & RECYCLING:**
 - Waste - \$916/mo (2 – 8 yds/3x wk) with Recycling - \$600/mo (10 – 64 gallon roll carts/3x wk);
 - Annual Waste - \$11,000; Annual Recycling - \$7,200; Combined - \$18,200
- **Analysis – BREAK EVEN/COST SAVINGS;** additional costs may vary depending on depth of recycling (lobby, hotel rooms, pool areas, beach access for recycling receptacles/collection) and other recycling equipment or program costs; Must spend time invested in changing program, habits and training & monitoring staff, and alerting guests and vendors. **BENEFIT:** Thousands of tons of recyclable material diverted from landfill, and marketing advantages.