MGM Resorts International Recycling and Waste Management

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Recycling Process



Recycling Process

- All ten MGM Resorts in Las Vegas are recycling
- Back dock recycling operations
- Local contractors supply recycling labor 24 hours per day
- Every bag of garbage opened
- Some upstream sorting inside casino



Recycling Process (Cont.)

- Two different recycling models
 - All recyclables sorted and processed on-site at back dock
 - Some recyclables sorted and processed on-site at back dock <u>and</u> some recyclables comingled and sent to Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) for further processing



Commodities Recycled

- Aluminum
- Plastics
- Cardboard
- Glass
- Office paper
- Cork
- Food scraps

- Junk mail
- Cooking oil
- Construction
- Landscape
- Metals
- Wood



Recycling Process (Cont.)

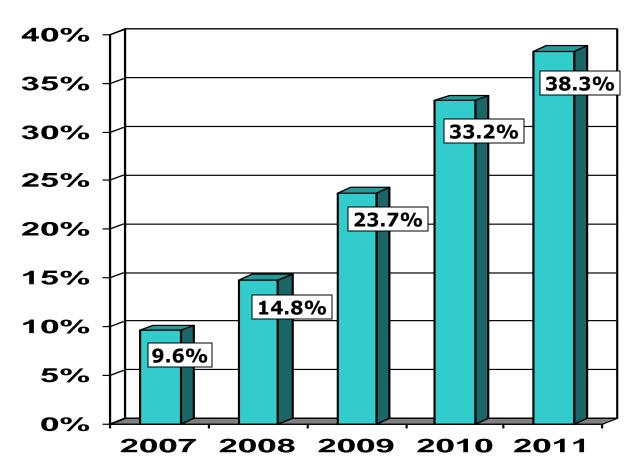
- Benefits of using different models
 - Continuous refinement
 - Vendor performance
 - Flexibility
 - Better results



Statistics



Statistics – Recycling Rate





Statistics - 2011

- MGM Resorts 38.3%
 - Landfill 65,000 tons
 - Recycling 40,000 tons
 - Total Waste 105,000 tons
- Six MGM resorts over 40%
 - CityCenter 47.5%
 - Increased from one resort in 2010



Statistics - 2011

- Notable commodity statistics:
 - Food scraps 14,500 tons
 - Cardboard 8,400 tons
 - Glass 5,200 tons
 - Mixed paper 3,000 tons
 - Aluminum 200 tons



Awards and Recognition



3 National Recycling Awards

- 2010 "Friend of Glass" Recycling Award
 - Glass Packaging Institute
- 2011 Business Leadership in Recycling Award
 - American Forestry and Paper Association
- 2011 EPA WasteWise Gold
 Achievement Award Food Recycling
 - US EPA



Other attention and recognition

MGM Resorts' recycling program has also been featured in:

- News stories
- Television shows
- Print media magazines
- Radio interviews
- Presentations at national conventions
- Tours



Lessons Learned



Lessons Learned

- Hotels require custom recycling applications
- Geographic location can be both a benefit and a hindrance
- Markets for recycling are improving and expanding



Questions

Thank you!

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