



Lessons from the Recology Store: How to Sell Waste Zero

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Overview

- Recology 101
- Store Concept
- In-Person Experience
- Partnerships
- Rethinking Retail
- Greening Communities
- Q & A



Recology 101

- Employee owned
- Operating since 1920's
- Emphasis on resource recovery







Recology 101



Provides Integrated Services

- 700,000+ Households
- 100,000 Commercial businesses
- 127 Communities served in 4 states

Operates Transfer & Recycling Facilities

- 13 Transfer Stations
- 11 MRFs
- 10 Organics Processing Facilities
- 4 Landfills



Store Concept

- Customer Service Center
- 2. Hard-to-recycle item drop-off
- 3. Retail store
- 4. Community events and programming







In-Person Experience

- Pay bill
- Change service levels

Ask questions





Hard to Recycle Item Drop-off



Textiles



Fluorescent and CFL bulbs



Electronics and small appliances



Bicycles





Rethinking Retail

- Products for the long haul, not the landfill
- Unique, upcycled gifts
- Waste zero lunches
- Bulk food storage
- Green cleaning







Greening Communities

- After hours events
- Youth programming
- Book signings
- Crayon, toy, & costume swaps











Questions?



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