



Plastic Bottle Recycling Case Study: Bank of America Building, Charlotte

Recycling since: 2000

Type of Facility: Banking skyscraper, 880,000 sq.ft.

Recycles: office paper, cardboard, “break room recyclables”

Average Cost of Service:
Cardboard=\$100/bi-weekly pickup; break room=\$25/weekly pickup

Description:

Completed in 1992, the Bank of America Corporate Center in Charlotte is the tallest building in North Carolina, the largest bank in the United States and serves as the bank’s world headquarters.

Implementation:

In 2000, Bank of America began recycling office paper, as the company felt it was the environmentally conscious thing to do. Most of this material is captured during its document destruction/paper shredding. Bank of America also coordinates special periodic recycling events, such as e-waste collection. During the past decade, the building’s management began recycling cardboard and break room products, like plastic bottles and aluminum cans.



Bank of America provides the 65- and 95-gallon bins to collect paper throughout the offices, while the building’s management supplies a 40-yard container with compactor to collect cardboard. The building management also provides paper recycling bins for tenants that are not affiliated with Bank of America. Break room recycling is facilitated with a 250-gallon recycling center set up inside the loading dock. Janitorial crews pick up the paper and cardboard weekly, while the break room recyclables are picked up nightly.



Results:

Bank of America Corporate Center occupants have high awareness about the recycling programs the building offers, so training and enrollment on new recycling policies and procedures is fairly easy.

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