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Challenge or Opportunity:

BerryDunn takes over only one floor of 1000 Elm Street in downtown Manchester. However, when it came to our decision to implement a recycling program, we knew one floor was not going to be good enough.

Approach or Solution:

With the support of our Green and Community Awareness Committee, we reached out to the building manager and implemented a recycling program for the building, all 20 floors included. Each business now participates in recycling their plastic/glass/cardboard that was previously being piled up in landfills.

Impact:

Recycling in commercial enterprises is important because commercial waste makes up about 40 percent of total municipal waste. It doesn't just make sense; it makes a huge difference to our environment. The more we recycle, the less garbage ends up in our landfills. By reusing aluminum, paper, glass, plastics, and other materials, we have saved production and energy costs and reduced the negative impacts that the extraction and processing of new materials has on the environment.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, in 2012, nationally, the US recycled and composted almost 87 million tons of municipal solid waste. This provided an annual benefit comparable to removing the emissions from over 33 million passenger vehicles from the road in one year. BerryDunn is pleased to be a part of expanding these efforts.