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Objective: To reduce polystyrene, general waste & disposal costs from 29 tonne ($35,000pa) to 6 tonne ($800pa)

Costs:
- Paper/cardboard recycle bin $20.00 per month
- Manufactured rubbish bins for the factory floor (6) $800.00

Project Description:
- Source a less expensive disposal outlet
- Reduce manufactured generated waste

How you implemented the project:
- We sourced a polystyrene recycler.
- Placed recycling bins on site for paper, cardboard and steel.
- Set up procedures for staff training to separate all rubbish i.e. polystyrene, paper, wood, steel and other.
- Drove down waste produced by our manufacturing plant by setting quality standards and better operating procedures.
- Implemented our own polystyrene regrind plant.
- We launched new products which could use recycled polystyrene.
- Returned packaging back to our some of our suppliers.

Project Team:
- David Hydes - Team Leader Panels
- Ken Cherry - Team Leader EPS
- Barbara Spicer - Commercial Administrator

Results:
- Reduced disposal costs to $400.00 per month
- Tidy factory
- Better staff morale
- Less labour hours

Key Challenge: Employee buy-in

The Solution: Project reinforced at team toolbox meetings and monthly team briefs.

The Future: Company policy is minimal waste and disposal cost.

Best Practice Hints: Get people involved

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