



Stew Leonard's Green Team 2016 Fact Sheet

Mission

Formed in 2007, Stew Leonard's Green Team is comprised of managers and Team Members from both sales and support departments at each of our five grocery stores. They are specifically dedicated to making Stew Leonard's a more eco-friendly place to work and shop by focusing on the "4 R's": Reduce, Reuse, Repurpose, and Recycle.

Reduce

- Installed motion sensors or timers in our offices, warehouses, and bathrooms
- Using "green programs" with our linen company, pest control company, chemical company and labeling company
- Transitioned to a more efficient and eco-friendly refrigerant
- Replaced hundreds of high intensity light fixtures were with super-efficient LEDs

Reuse

- Give away coffee grinds to customers for composting, gardening, and more
- Reuse or giveaway the plastic buckets some of our food/ingredients come in
- Promote the use of our reusable shopping bags

Repurpose

- Donate day-old baked goods to local charities
- Donate unsaleable produce to local farmers to help feed their animals
- Donate used coats, vests, shirts, raingear, boots, and shoes to North Face's Clothes the Loop program so they can so they can be recycled and used in playgrounds.

Recycle

- Collect old phones and parts for Verizon's Hopeline phone recycling program
- Recycle office light bulbs, ink cartridges, toner cartridges, and paper
- Collect plastic bags from our customers for recycling
- Plan annual "Recycling Fairs" for our Team Members. At our 2013 event, we were able to collect an entire trailer load of electronics to recycle!



By the Numbers

Since 2007, Stew's Green Team has....

- Reduced the amount of garbage sent to the landfill by 39%. That's more than 5.2 million tons that would have gone to local landfills. That reduction will reduce emissions equivalent to taking 46 million cars off the road.
- Recycled more than 366 tons of plastic. That is enough recycled plastic to fill more than 7,000 sleeping bags with fiberfill.
- Reused or recycled more than 4,800,000 tons of wood pallets. That is enough wood to fill 265,000 tractor-trailers.
- Saved almost 973,817 trees by recycling more than 51,555 tons of cardboard and paper, or the energy equivalent of 9.5 million gallons of gas. One ton of recycled paper or cardboard is the equivalent of:
 - 18 trees
 - 6,953 gallons of water
 - 463 gallons of oil
 - 587 pounds of air pollution
 - 3.06 cubic yards of landfill space
 - 4,077 kilowatt hours of energy
- Recycled more than 800 tons of metal. That will save enough energy to run an estimated 1.6 million 60-watt light bulbs for 26 years!