



## Ecology Minded Wholesaler

### R3 Reliable Redistribution Resource

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Awareness of the environment and considering how to reduce R3's impact on it is not new for R3 nor is it a passing phase. Our environmental programs have been in place for over five years and we consistently review and seek to improve our performance in this area.

At R3, we continually focus on sourcing and finding the packaging alternatives our customers need to support their customers' green efforts. Whether it's food service packaging or green chemicals that have less of an impact on the environment, R3 is their source. These products fall into three major categories: 1) products that are recyclable; 2) products that are from manufacturers utilizing sustainable practices in product production and 3) products that are certified "green."

Corporately, the major environmental impacts we hope to make include the management of waste, our use of energy and the consumption of fuel to transport products from vendor to us and from us to our customers.

Increasing our recycling and reducing waste to landfill is accomplished by a comprehensive program being instituted at several of our larger warehouses to recycle all plastic stretch film and pallet wrap on our incoming shipments. The material is reclaimed and then returned to our manufacturers.

With over 90 warehouses throughout North America, we have instituted energy efficiency measures across our network, by using more energy efficient bright fluorescent lights, combined with motion detectors to manage our energy use. This has resulted in a 30% reduction in kilowatt hour usage.



R3 places a major focus on the efficient use of fuel by carefully managing our national fleet. We have implemented a vehicle tracking system that reduces engine idling time, and fuel consumption. We have worked with our customers to develop a schedule of deliveries that serves not only their need for timely deliveries, but allows us to make deliveries in the most expedient, fuel efficient way possible.

In addition a fundamental part of R3's offering to our customers is our expertise and in depth product knowledge, coupled with the ability to consolidate the procurement and delivery of a broad range of non-food consumable products. This service can cut the environmental impact as it can reduce the number of deliveries within a company's total supply chain, as well as decrease the amount of invoices and payments. R3's core service offering can help customers to reduce fuel emissions, paper usage and other energy requirements.

Working with our customers, and vendors to reduce our mutual impact on the environment is an important R3 Reliable Redistribution Resource™ business goal. Collectively we can build a more sustainable future.

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