



# Environmental Stewardship Program

Ottenweller Company, Inc

Success Story

## Recycling and Hazardous Waste Reduction

### Background

Ottenweller Company, Inc., was founded in downtown Fort Wayne, IN (Allen County) in 1916 as a blacksmith and iron repair shop. The company's vision was to fit the demands of its growing community, as such the company has since moved from the downtown area and expanded to a moderate 200,000 square foot facility on the northwest side of Fort Wayne.

Ottenweller had just six employees when they first opened and currently employs approximately 200 Hoosiers. Ottenweller's strong dedication to meeting the needs of its clients also expands to the needs of its community and surrounding environment. With this in mind, Ottenweller made a commitment to conduct their business as cleanly as possible, while protecting and preserving the natural resources and health of their community and environment. In support of this commitment, Ottenweller received its ISO 14001:2004 certification in the fall of 2008, and the following spring became a member of Indiana's Environmental Stewardship Program.

### Project Implementation

- In 2009, Ottenweller began recycling their shipping and packing materials.
- Also in 2009, Ottenweller began to review the amount of thinner used that was treated as hazardous waste.
- In 2012, the facility implemented a single stream recycling program that has greatly benefited Ottenweller.

### Results

- Due to the recycling efforts and implementation of a single-stream recycling program, Ottenweller has reduced the amount of landfill material by 12 tons and 100 plastic 55-gallon drums.
- The use of an in-house thinner recycling unit reduced both the volume of thinner waste being shipped off-site for disposal and the need for new thinner purchase. The total reduction was 231 gallons.

### Cost Savings

Ottenweller did not report monetary cost savings from the projects. For more information on these projects, please feel free to contact Ms. Arlyn Eaglebarger.

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