

ReuseFest

Source Reduction That Works



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PRC At A Glance



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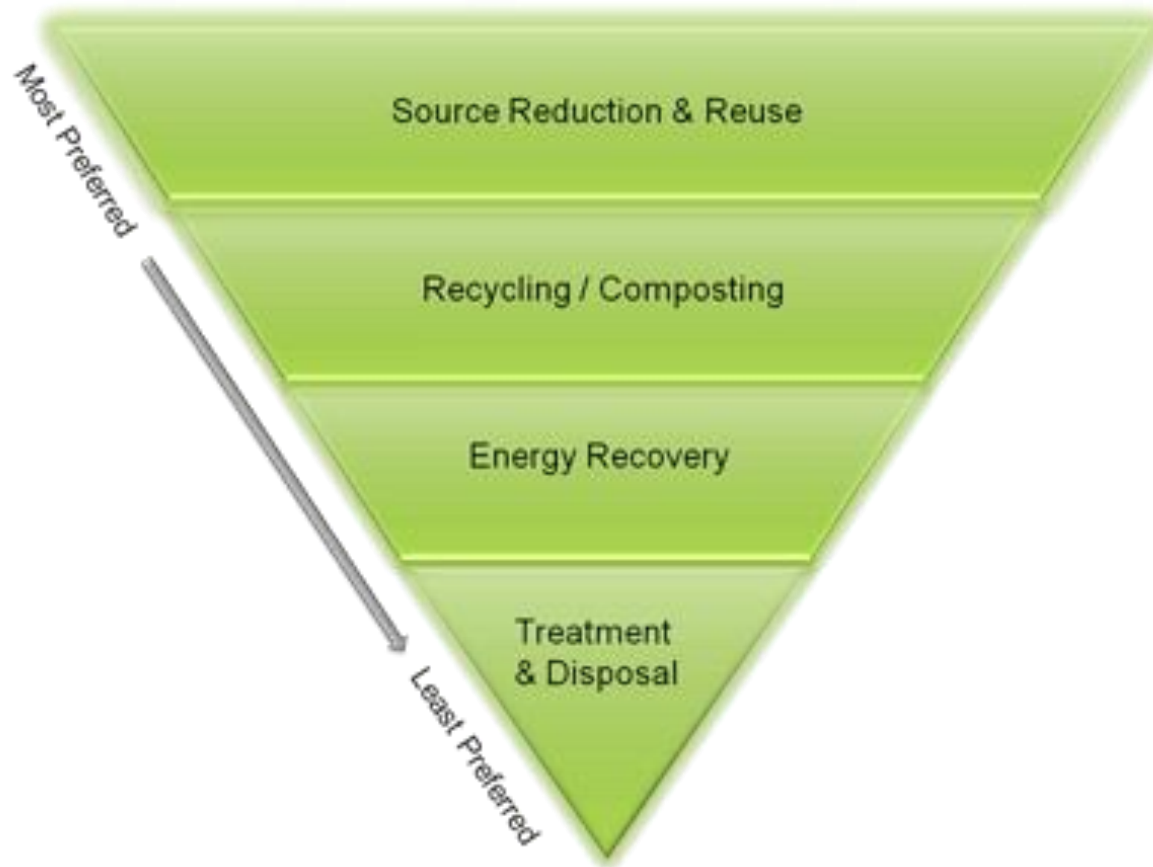
Building a Pennsylvania
where nothing is wasted



Why? What? How?



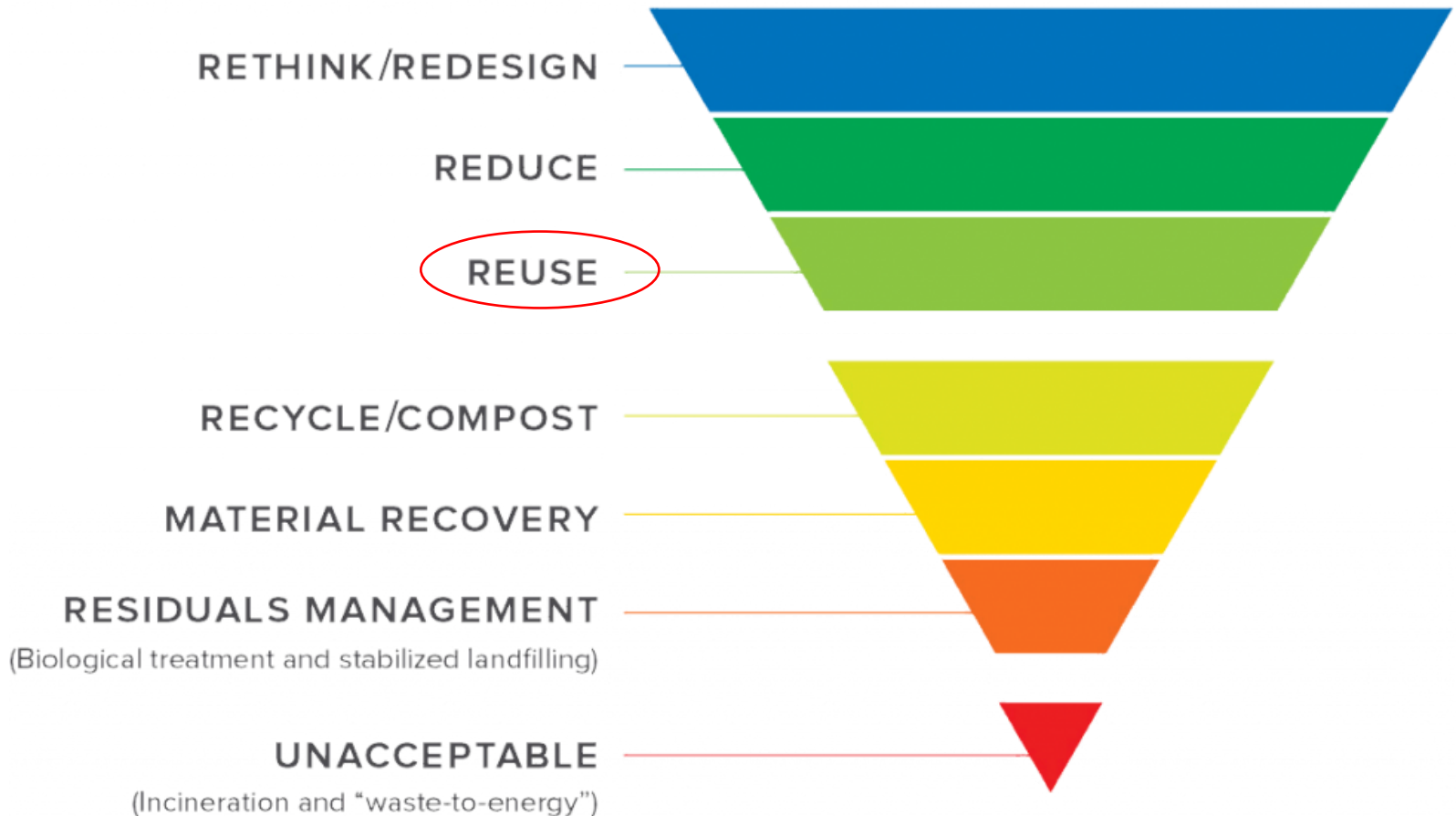
Waste Management Hierarchy




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THE ZERO WASTE HIERARCHY 8.0

For detailed version visit www.zwia.org/zwh





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In the U.S., plastic water bottle consumption amounts to **50 billion water bottles per year.**



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Using a \$20 reusable water bottle can save a whopping **\$6,180 over five years.**



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How reuse services work



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**DROP-OFF EVENT FOR MATERIALS DESTINED FOR REUSE
BY NUMEROUS LOCAL NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS**

Saturday, Oct. 16, 2021
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

North Park Swimming Pool parking lot
Allegheny County

All materials donated should be GENTLY USED and in good condition.

<p>ART & OFFICE SUPPLIES binders, desk organizers, art supplies, packs of paper (lined, copy or construction), backpacks, etc.</p> <p>BEDDING & BATH Bathroom towels/rugs, bed pillows, blankets/comforters, sheet sets (bag and note size), shower curtains/rings, etc.</p> <p>BIKING SUPPLIES & TOOLS Bikes, tricycles, bike parts, hardware tool kits, tools, etc.</p> <p>CHILDREN'S TOYS & SPORTS EQUIPMENT Toys, books, clothing and sports equipment</p> <p>CLOTHING, ACCESSORIES, SHOES Men's, women's, plus size clothing, children and infant's clothing, shoes, dresses, blouses, big and tall clothing, jewelry, purses and other accessories</p> <p>FURNITURE Bed frames, dressers, end/coffee tables, kitchen tables/chairs, etc.</p>	<p>GENERAL HOUSEHOLD ITEMS Ironing boards, lamps, luggage, mirrors, vacuum cleaners, window curtains, tools, workable DVD players, etc.</p> <p>KITCHEN ITEMS Cooking and bakeware, kitchen utensils, dish sets, pots/pans/skillets, mixers, crockpots, working countertop appliances, etc.</p> <p>LAWN & GARDEN EQUIPMENT Tools and general garden supplies <i>NOT ACCEPTED: plastic pots or liquids</i></p> <p>MEDICAL SUPPLIES Scrubs (new or gently used), bedside commodes, wheel chairs, rollator/wheeled walkers, shower seats/bathing benches/chairs/stools, pediatric equipment (i.e. wheelchairs, walkers, standers, adaptive seating), etc.</p> <p>USABLE BUILDING MATERIALS Appliances, cabinets, ceiling fans, flooring, hardware, lighting, plumbing supplies, roofing, sinks and fixtures, unopened paint, tools, unused lumber, windows, etc.</p>
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No televisions/computers accepted.

All partners reserve the right to refuse unusable materials

PRC follows all federal, state and local health/safety guidelines. Visit website for details.

prc.org/reuse
412-488-7490x7

How can we promote **REUSE** locally? We focused on:

1. **ACCESS**
2. **EDUCATION**
3. **FUN**



ReuseFest Idea To Reality

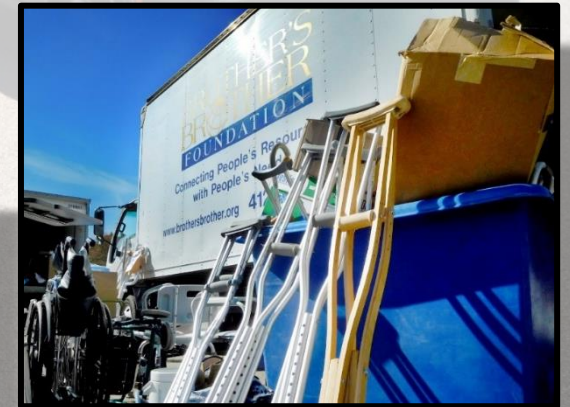


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Habitat for Humanity Restore in Allegheny County

Humane Animal Rescue

Humane Society of Lawrence County

Medical Assistance Recycling Program

Mercy Center For Women

Off the Floor PGH

Pittsburgh Center For Creative Reuse

Reagan's Journey

Repair Café

Society of St. Vincent DePaul

The Education Partnership

Tool Lending Library



Event successes



Event successes

Embracing Our Veterans would like to thank you for all of your efforts and hard work for the ReUsed Fest. The items we received will help our Veterans Homeless Project. The Veterans we serve the majority of the time have nothing when they move to an apartment. All of the wonderful items will be distributed to those Veterans transitioning from Homeless to having a home.

Tina M. Schiefelbein HIS-BC - Founder

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We are truly grateful for this opportunity. The generosity of the community gives us hope as we continue to serve our missions to their fullest capacity.

Thank you for all your hard work!

Jennie Erie City Mission

“I kept accumulating lumber in the basement for years thinking I might do something with it. And I finally thought I ought to get rid of it,” Ted Sohler said, as staffers from Construction Junction helped him unload the truck

I wanted to thank you so very much for including Habitat for Humanity ReStore in the Re-Use event this year. We definitely stuffed our trucks! It’s great that all those items got diverted from the landfill! I certainly hope this event repeats next year and we would love to be a part of it again!

Nancy, Habitat for Humanity ReStore

Event lessons learned

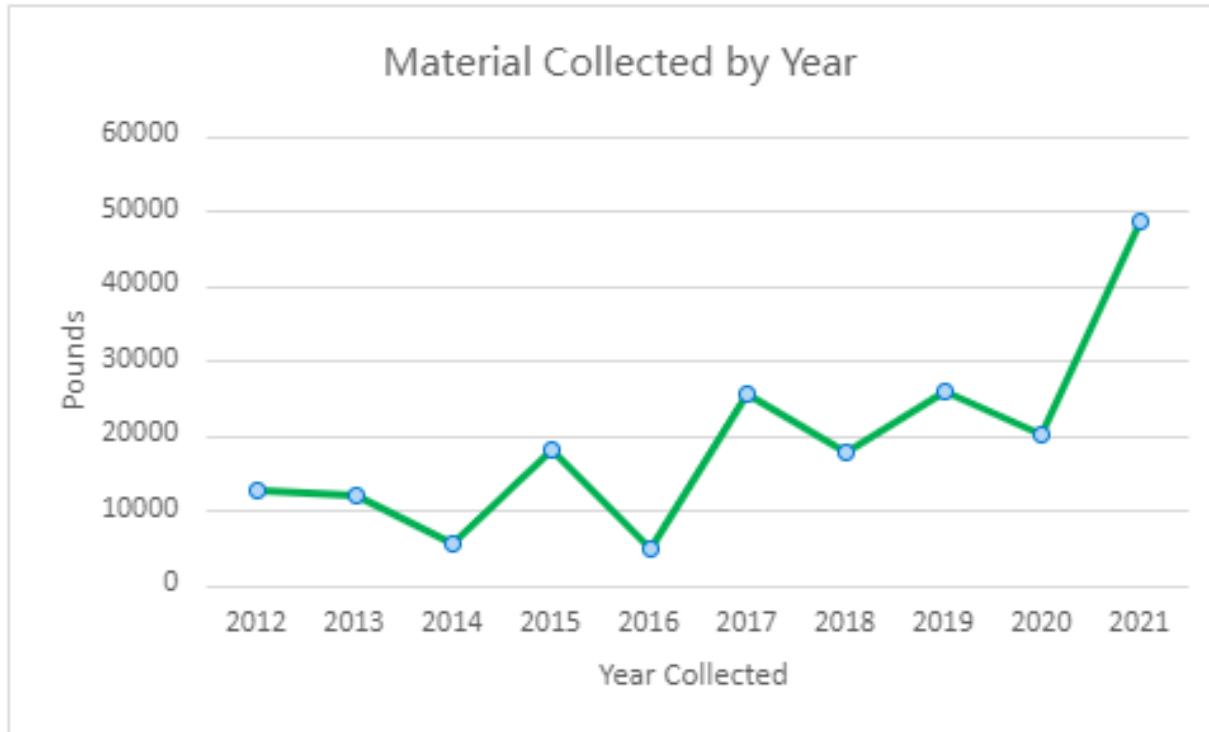


- Small nonprofits = small storage spaces
- Goodwill Goodwill Goodwill
- Unloading and Sorting Systems
- So many different materials
- JUNK?????

Event lessons learned



Data/Impact



Year	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2017	2018	2018	2019	2019	2020	2020	2021	2021
Participants	160	150	70	225	60	300	20	160	60	75	246	250	260	100	500
pounds collected	12960	12150	5670	18225	4860	24300	1,629	12960	4860	6075	20035	20250	14,776	8,144	40,722



Education



Education

Where to Donate!

Did you know that you don't have to wait until ReuseFest to donate? All of our partner organizations accept gently used goods all year round!



Working to protect the environment since 1939

Brother's Brother collects surplus or donated medical and educational supplies to be distributed worldwide.

412-321-3160

www.brothersbrother.org

1200 Galveston Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15233

Biggest need: Walkers, wheelchairs, crutches, bedside commodes, shower chairs



Free Store Wilkinsburg relies on donations of new and lightly used goods to be distributed to community members at no cost to the recipient.

www.freestorewilkinsburg.org

619 Penn Avenue Wilkinsburg, PA 15221

Biggest need: Bikes, tricycles, and unexpired car seats



Major Takeaways



- Need and want is there!
- Public finds reuse importance
- Wonderful nonprofit support
- Erie Reusefest September 10th
- Allegheny County Reusefest Oct. 15th

Thank you!



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