## Sustainability, Solid Waste and Recycling

"Sustainability the Wal-Mart Way"

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## **Presentation Objectives:**

- Introduction to Wal-Mart, Sam's and Neighborhood Markets
- Understanding Wal-Mart's vision of the "Zero Waste" Philosophy
  - Wal-Mart's "Sustainability" Organization
- Wal-Mart's Commitment



## The Wal-Mart Philosophy:

"Save Money - Live Better"





"Bring convenience, value, good jobs and a better way of life to each neighborhood we serve."



## The Wal-Mart Formula...

EDLC = EDLP



# The Wal-Mart You may not know...





White Plains, NY



Cape Coral, FL









China



Baldwin Park, CA

## **Facility Types:**



- Wal-Mart Stores
- Sam's Clubs (Small Business/Warehouse Sales)
- Neighbor Markets (Grocery)
- Regional Distribution Centers (Perishable, Dry Grocery, general merchandise,
- Merchandise Return Centers
- Merchandise Warehouses (Fashion, Jewelry, Pharmacy, Used Fixtures, etc.)
- Office Complexes (Home Office, Accounting, Regional Operations, Districts, Transportation, Logistics, Claims Administration, etc.)
- Import Warehouses
- Data Processing/ISD Facilities
- Layout Center
- Telecommunication Centers
- Tenant Services (Branded Foods, Banks, Hair, Portraits, Nails, Arcades, Appliances, etc.)
- Emergency Operations Center
- Aviation Facilities

- Optical Labs
- Sign Shop
- Print Shop
- Associate Store
- Fitness Center
- Tennis Facility
- Recycle Facilities
- Fleet Maintenance Shops
- Record/Archival Storage Facilities
- Automotive Service Centers
- Gas Stations
- Dark Stores



## Did You Know! WAL-MART...

- ...is the Nation's largest private employer 1.8 million associates worldwide, including 1.3 million in the United States (hires nearly 2000 people per day)
- ...operate more than 7343 stores/clubs in 14 countries (4195 U.S. Stores/Clubs; 3148 internationally)
- ...is on of the largest single user of electricity in the U.S.
- ...operates the largest private trucking fleet 8000 drivers, 6845 tractors and 43,650 trailers
- ...is the largest cash contributor in the U.S. charitable giving exceeded \$300 million in 2007, the majority was given at the local level – named the #1 corporate cash contributor in America.

## Sustainability...

#### **An Opportunity:**

- "We've been dealing with jobs, health care, community involvement, product sourcing, diversity and environmental from a defensive posture..."
- ...when in fact they represent gateways for Wal-Mart in becoming the most competitive and innovative company in the world"

Lee Scott

21st Century Leadership

October, 2005

## Sustainability...

The Decision?

Is it
Sustainable
from a
Business
Perspective?



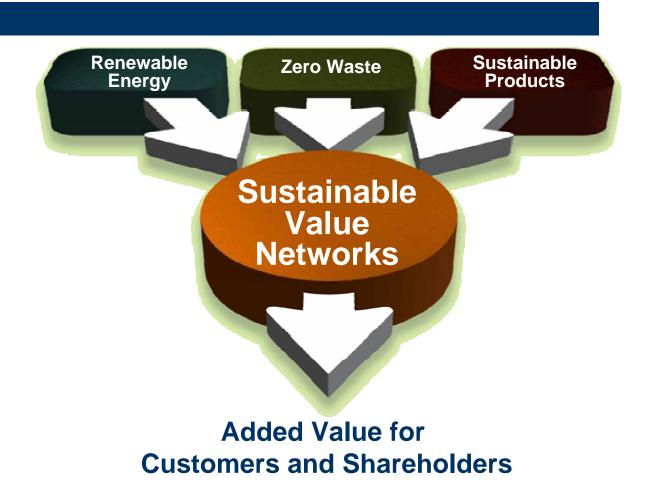


# **Sustainability...**Wal-Mart's Strategic Environmental Goals:

- (1) To be supplied 100% by Renewable Energy.
- (2) To create **Zero Waste**.
- (3) To provide our customers with products that sustain our natural resources and protect the environment.



## **Sustainability Organizational Structure:**



## **Sustainability Value Networks:**

#### **Renewable Energy**

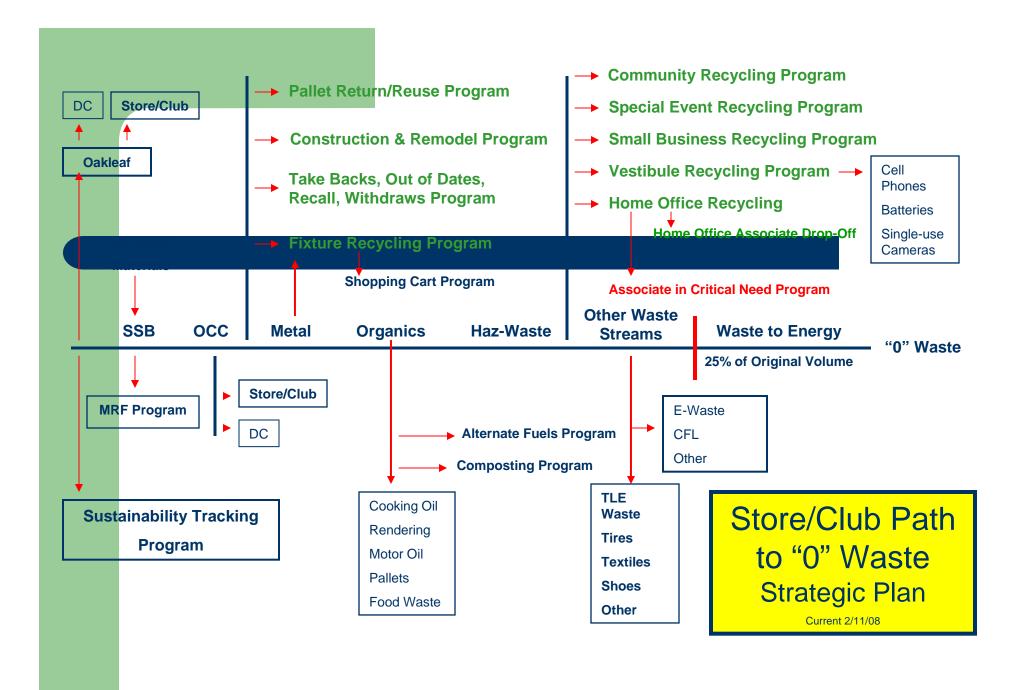
- (1) Global Greenhouse Gas Strategy
- (2) Sustainable Buildings
- (3) Global Logistics
- (4) Alternative Fuels

#### **Zero Waste**

- (5) Operations & Internal Procurement
- (6) Packaging

#### **Sustainable Products**

- (7) Textiles
- (8) Electronics
- (9) Food, Agriculture & Seafood
- (10) Forest and Paper
- (11) Chemical Intensive Products
- (12) Jewelry

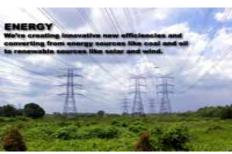


## Sustainability:

#### The Reality







#### To work, you must be Committed to Sustainability

– ("feel good" vs. business sustainable)

#### Sustainability is good business!

- "Being Green" is no longer about TREE HUGGING; it is about good business, domestic, foreign policy and global survival
- Sustainability will provide National Security Options

#### No "Sustainability Playbook"

- Scale and scope of services
- Big single solutions will not work must move forward in reasonable fashion and seek options best for that application
- Must seek out-of-the-box Innovations and different ways of doing business
- Life Cycle Analysis

## Sustainability Practices: Changing the way you think about business:

- Recycling vs. Materials Management
- Waste-to-Shelf
- Sustainability is "Common Ground" shared by competitors (Benchmarking)
- Choose to do business with suppliers/vendors who set their own environmental/sustainability goals and aggressively follow it
- Continually seek for Waste Diversion Savings and Recycling Revenues
- Challenge your existing "Business Model" Sustainability will take us outside of the "Core" business. How far are you prepared to go?
- Long-standing "solutions" and "ways of thinking" will change
  While we tend to think domestically, true sustainability can only be accomplished globally must apply "lessons learned" and sustainability leverages into both the local and global communities

# Adopting a "Zero Waste" Business Model...

- "ZERO WASTE" is a philosophy, design principle, goal in which you commit to:
  - Creating "Zero Waste" behavior
    - Journey vs. Destination
  - Utilizing purchasing practices that promote no waste
    - Connect upstream with downstream
  - Redesigning products and packaging
  - Adopting Extended Producer Responsibility
  - Managing your excess materials as "resources" not "waste"

## Renewable Energy Goals:

"Using, Encouraging and Investing in Renewable Energy is Good for the Environment and Good for Business"

- Eliminate 30% of the energy used by the stores/clubs
- Reduce green house emissions by 20% over next 7 years
- Design stores that are 25-30% more efficient with next 4 years
- Double the fuel efficiency of our trucks/fleet



<u>Sustains Business:</u> by improving our fleet efficiency by 1 mile per gallon, we save over \$52 million in cost

#### **Zero Waste Goals:**

"Reducing Waste is Responsible and Cost-Efficient"



Sustains Business: Replace/reduce packaging – fewer trucks = \$4 billion savings to Wal-Mart & \$7 billion to manufacturers.

- Reduce the solid waste generated by U.S.
   Stores/Clubs by 25% in next three (3) years.
- Work with suppliers to create less packaging, increase the recycling of product packaging and use more post-consumer recycled materials.

#### **Sustainable Product Goals:**

"Environmentally- Friendly Products Reduce Cost and Expand Affordable Options for Customers"



- Organic Fruits and Vegetables
- Organic Cotton (largest purchaser of organic cotton in world)
- Forest and Paper products
- Produced, packaged and delivered in an environmentally-friendly way
- All wild-caught & frozen fish, shrimp, etc. farmed and harvested in sustainable ways. (e.g. *Marine* Stewardship Council certified)
- Develop/market products that are good for the environment (e.g. compact fluorescent bulbs, cold water detergents, etc.)

## **Recycling Programs**





- OCC Management Program
- SSB Management Program
- MRF Program
- Transportation System
- Commodity Brokering Program
- Home Office Recycling
- Used Fixture/Asset Recovery Programs
- C & D Management Program
- PSP Sustainability Program
- Sourcing Programs
- Building Materials Sourcing
- Zero Waste Project
- Food Donation Programs

## Other examples of Sustainability/Environmental Efforts:

- Paperless Systems
  - Payroll
  - Office Forms
  - Billing/Invoicing
- Double side receipts
- Default 2-sided copy machines
- Phase out products that contain 20 selected toxic chemicals
- Buy Local Programs
- Carpooling (Home Office)

- Drought tolerant native vegetation
- Low energy LED lighting for cases, signage, etc.
- Natural sunlight harvesting
- Heat recovery from Refrigeration Units
- Hybrid vehicles in fleet since 2003 (200+)
- Rainwater Harvesting
- Bio-Retention Areas
- Management Evaluations "What have you done to improve our Sustainability?

## "Super Sandwich Bale" - SSB

The New Generation...

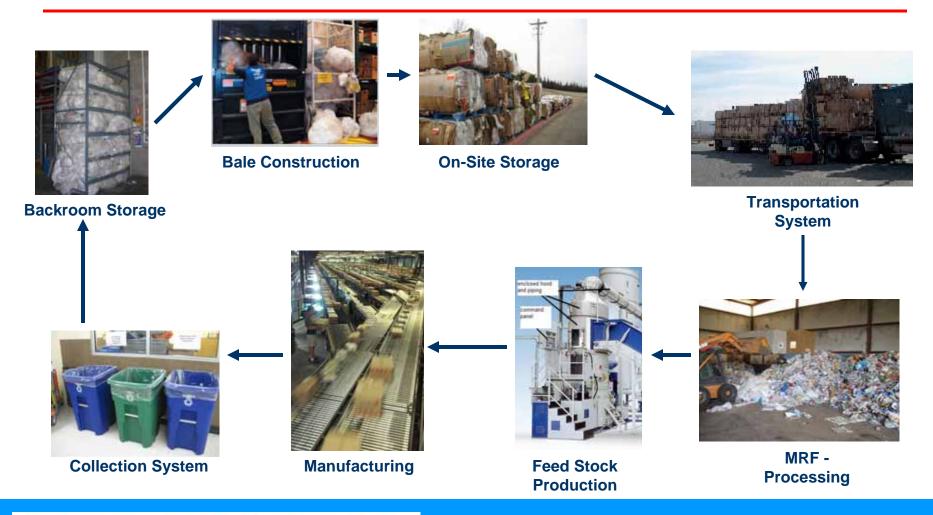
- Stretch Wrap/Films
- Hangers
- Paper
- PET
- Aluminum
- Books
- Pharmacy Stock
- Misc. Containers
- etc.





## **Material Management**

#### **Bale Management Program**





# **Sustainability Consciousness:** Answering the Hard Questions:

Must be careful when doing life cycle analysis; if you push in one area, may inadvertently cause problem in another

- Mexican "Tortilla" Crisis
- Reduce/Reuse/Recycle vs. Feed Stock

### The Future...

## "Sustainability is a new journey for Wal-Mart, and we know it's going to be a long one"



Lee Scott YBM - 2007

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