Hy-Vee Chariton Distribution Center

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Zero Waste Mission Statement:

Committed to being an organization that is identified as Zero Waste throughout our business, employees and community.

Zero Waste Policy:

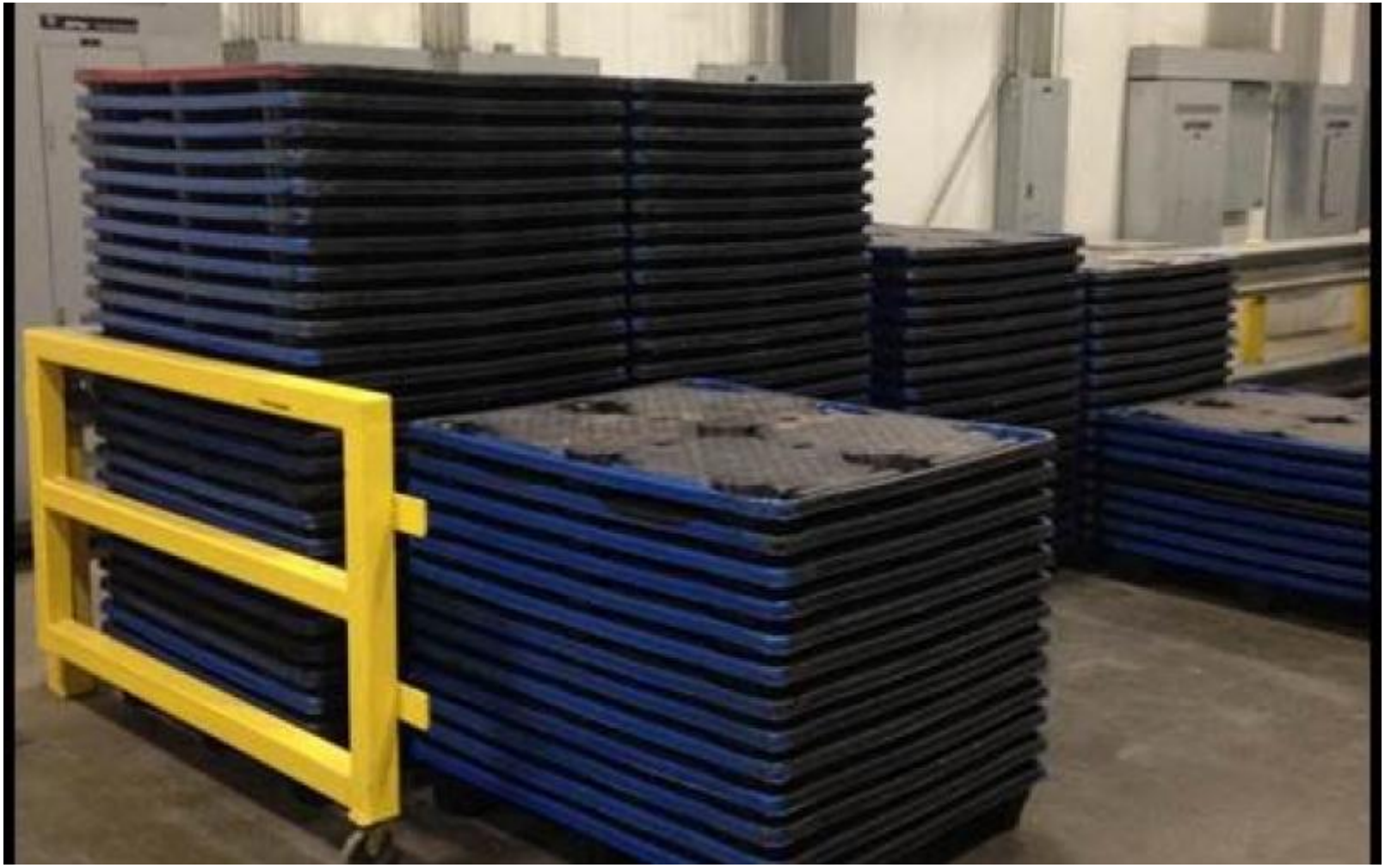
To manage all waste in a way that maximizes resource value while minimizing environmental impacts. Our goal is to eliminate all waste to landfills thus reducing the volume and potential for toxic discharges to the environment so that our company, employees and community can thrive.

Zero Waste Goal:

Committed to continual improvement by reducing our residual waste to landfill by 1% each year until Zero Waste is achieved.

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Location

Chariton, Iowa

Percent of Overall Diversion Achieved

99 percent

Facility Size

1,273,800 square feet
Type of Operation
Distribution Center
Project Overview

The Hy-Vee Chariton Distribution Center sits on a 95-acre campus, which consists of a 700,000-square foot grocery warehouse, a 435,000-square-foot perishables warehouse including both produce and frozen items, and a 120,000-square-foot health, beauty, cosmetics and pharmacy warehouse. More than 24,000 items are offered for retail delivery from the warehouses. Warehouse operations move approximately 1.75 million cases of product on a weekly basis.

On campus is a graphic production department with a print shop and sign shop that provides simple design work and a variety of printed items for Hy-Vee's retail and distribution locations, including convenience stores, pharmacies and restaurants.

The 10,400-square-foot truck shop, 6,776-square-foot truck wash and 3,000-square-foot fuel island maintain a fleet of more than 155 tractors, more than 250 reefer trailers and more than 160 van trailers. To achieve certification, the Chariton Distribution Center pursued the following actions:

- A thorough review of all aspects of waste generation in every area of the facility to ensure materials are being diverted via the highest method possible on the zero waste hierarchy.
- A new paperless payroll system and Warehouse Management System platform were implemented to maintain control of inventory levels of all product, while also helping the distribution center reduce paper.
- A temperature recorder program using reusable RFID (radio-frequency identification) tags for all temperature sensitive loads was implemented.
- Numerous reusable items, such as plastic pallets, plastic hinged totes, RPC’s (reusable plastic containers), bread trays, soda trays, etc. are used for the transportation of goods to stores.

- Compostable materials are collected separately from other materials generated in campus break areas. This same compost is then distributed and sold through Hy-Vee’s retail stores. Organic waste from warehousing activities is processed through an off-site service provider’s anaerobic digestion facility.
- Implemented practices and programs including an Environmentally Preferred Purchasing guidelines, sustainable grounds keeping requirements, inter-office supplies reuse process and partnerships with numerous local organizations to donate applicable salvaged food waste, animal food waste and salvaged cat litter.
- An in-depth zero waste training module was created and implemented as part of the Hy-Vee Chariton Distribution Center’s annual training program for all site employees.

"This Platinum level TRUE certification is a very rewarding achievement as it demonstrates the concerted effort by the entire Hy-Vee Chariton Distribution team. We are honored to have been recognized for our work and will continue to strive for excellence in our sustainability efforts."
-Brandan Reed, Compliance Manager / Zero Waste Coordinator

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