

# Cintas Chicago Distribution Center









Location

Chicago, IL

Certification level

Gold

Percent of Overall Diversion Achieved

96.60

Facility Size

450,000 sq. ft.

Type of Operation

Distribution Center

Project Overview

Of the original eight Cintas DC's to begin the zero waste to landfill program over six years ago, Chicago was the only one left to complete TRUE certification. Our Chicago DC is to be applauded, under the leadership of Glade Parrish and Justin Perry, our partner-employees consistently hit the diversion goal for well over the twelve month period requirement. An area of improvement that really moved the needle for them is the newer process of baling and shipping textile scrap and plastic film to Leigh Fibers. Also donating items for reuse to Matthew 25 Ministries, a large Midwest charity organization. Despite many challenges re: current recycling landscape, our Chicago employee-partners have overcome multiple obstacles to get where they are today and are very excited to have earned TRUE GBCI Gold certification! "Inspired by the waste-not ethos of our company's founders, the TRUE certification program has been embraced by our employee-partners. Cintas' waste reduction efforts have now resulted in eight distribution centers certified under the TRUE rating system at the highest levels attainable, gold or platinum," explained Krista Jaeger, Manager of Sustainability at Cintas. "The Cintas facilities have displayed continued success throughout the journey and have helped to motivate the entire company in the right direction by setting a precedence for excellence when it comes to responsible waste management and overall facility efficiency. We are excited that our Chicago DC has now joined this certified group!"

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