W.W. Grainger, Northeast Distribution Center

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Location

Bordentown, New Jersey

Certification level

Silver

Percent of Overall Diversion Achieved

94.2%

Facility Size

1,300,000 sq. ft.

Type of Operation

Maintenance, Repair, and Operations

Project Owner

W.W. Grainger

Project Overview

Grainger is a broad line, business-to-business distributor of maintenance, repair and operations (MRO) supplies and other related products and services. More than 4.5 million businesses and institutions worldwide rely on Grainger for products in categories such as safety, material handling and metalworking, along with services like inventory management and technical support. These customers represent a broad collection of industries, including commercial, government, healthcare and manufacturing. They place orders online, on mobile devices, over the phone and at local branches. More than 5,000 suppliers provide Grainger with 1.5 million products stocked in the company’s distribution centers (DCs) and branches worldwide. Grainger strives to implement innovation and efficiency to achieve their sustainability goals. This includes assessing expanded facility recycling initiatives and business collaborations to reduce or eliminate superfluous waste streams, close material loops and spur additional innovation. Grainger is working to continually improve the recycling rate in their DCs by standardizing recycling processes and sharing best practices across their network. For example, teams are trained to use color-coded system to separate and bale materials such as cardboard, plastic wrap and metal, and are encouraged to share and test ideas for ongoing improvements. DC leadership receives monthly progress reports on recycling to help ensure transparency and accountability. Local DC facility managers also include recycling metrics as part of their annual performance goals. To learn more about Grainger’s sustainability initiatives, go to graingeresg.com. Grainger’s 1,300,000 square foot Northeast Distribution Center in Bordentown, New Jersey was awarded a TRUE Silver certification by achieving 39 credits. The facility in Bordentown has a diversion rate of 94.2% and was able to meet the highest and best use for 100% of the waste produced at the DC. This certification is a testament to the emphasis that Grainger has and will continue to put on sustainability and doing the right thing. “At the Northeast

Distribution Center, our strategy is to educate our team and new hires on how passionate we are about sustainability. Our building was built from the ground up with sustainability and green operations in mind. This approach is at the core of what we do each day as we work inside of the building and serve our customers. We have deep-rooted beliefs and practices surrounding re-using and recycling as well as protecting the environment and all team members have the desire to do the right thing." - Susan Simonitis, NEDC Senior Manager of Distribution Operations

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