Levi Strauss & Co. Northampton Distribution Center

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Location
Northampton, England, United Kingdom
Certification level
Certified
Percent of Overall Diversion Achieved
90.8%
Facility Size
136,500 sq ft
Type of Operation
Retail
Project Overview
Levi Strauss & Co.’s Northampton Distribution Center in the United Kingdom serves as a key logistics hub for the distribution of apparel and accessories across the region. The 136,500-square-foot facility employs 45 staff members and exemplifies LS&Co.’s commitment to sustainable practices and operational efficiency. By aligning its operations with Levi Strauss & Co.’s global sustainability goals, the Northampton facility is successfully pursuing TRUE certification, with 90.8% of its waste currently diverted from landfills. **Zero Waste Policy and Goals:** Levi Strauss & Co. has set ambitious waste reduction goals, including achieving zero waste to landfill at all company-operated facilities and a 50% waste diversion target across its strategic suppliers by 2030. The Northampton facility’s Zero Waste Policy emphasizes the prevention, reuse, and recycling of materials, driving waste diversion efforts to minimize environmental impacts. **Key Waste Management Initiatives:** 1. Sustainable Procurement Practices - The facility has adopted an Ongoing Purchasing and Waste Policy that addresses: - Reducing waste through sustainable purchasing practices - Purchasing certified sustainable paper and wood products - Commitment to separating and recycling recyclable materials - Preference for durable over disposable products where available and feasible - Preference for used, refurbished and remanufactured products where available and feasible 2. Material Reuse and Donations - Cardboard Reuse: Inbound cardboard boxes are reused wherever possible for outbound shipments, further reducing waste and promoting material efficiency. - Garment Donations: Damaged or unsellable garments are donated to charity organizations. These efforts support a circular economy and

provide a second life for garments. 3. Polybag Reduction Initiatives - LS&Co. is actively testing compostable polybags and collaborating with retailers to minimize the use of single-use plastic in packaging, with current polybags made from 100% recyclable materials. 4. Data-Driven Waste Reduction: - Comprehensive Data Collection: A spreadsheet program tracks waste by type, source, and disposal method, allowing for detailed analysis and trend identification. - Continuous Improvement: Monthly data reviews enable the facility to pinpoint waste hotspots and refine reduction strategies. 5. Food and Landscape Waste Management: - Food Waste Composting: Canteen waste is collected and composted, while grass clippings are left on-site or converted into mulch. - Tree Trimming: Chipped trimmings are repurposed as mulch for landscaping. **Results and Achievements:** Through its Zero Waste Policy and sustainability initiatives, the Northampton Distribution Center has: - Diverted 90.8% of waste from landfills. - Reduced single-use materials through durable goods procurement and paperless operations. By adopting a comprehensive approach to waste management, the Northampton facility demonstrates Levi Strauss & Co.’s leadership in sustainability and its commitment to a circular economy. These efforts not only align with corporate goals but also serve as a model for reducing waste and environmental impact in the logistics sector. “We’re honored to earn TRUE Certification to be recognized for the work our Distribution and Logistics team is leading to prioritize reuse and recycling," said Jeffrey Hogue, chief sustainability officer at Levi Strauss & Co. "Certifications like TRUE validate our actions are on track to meet the moment and address the most pressing sustainability challenges.” Learn more from their TRUE case study.

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