



IRN

THE RECYCLING NETWORK

Overview: Why IRN?

IRN is a cooperative organization that improves financial and operating results in recycling and waste minimization for public and private organizations throughout the Northeast and beyond. Working with over 200 education and healthcare institutions and private clients, **IRN recycles more than 75 different materials** – everything from computers to cardboard, from fluorescent lamps to surplus property.

IRN was established by and for recyclers. Our founding members were committed to recycling but recognized that recycling can be difficult, expensive, and frustrating for any organization acting on its own. Recycling begs for a cooperative solution, and that's what IRN offers. IRN's mission is twofold:

1. **We make recycling simpler.** IRN provides a single point of contact to manage any and all recyclable materials. We identify and qualify end markets. We negotiate processing and marketing. We handle all aspects of load scheduling and logistics. And we provide accurate, timely accounting and reporting for every material we handle.
2. **We make recycling more cost effective.** By pooling the collective strength of dozens of organizations, IRN is able to secure the best prices in the marketplace, along with reliable and economical service from haulers, processors, and end markets. We pass these benefits directly to IRN clients.

We often work with individuals from several departments in a single organization – facility managers, solid waste and recycling coordinators, IS/IT coordinators, EH&S managers, purchasing managers, heads of housekeeping, heads of planning and construction, sustainability managers. These are the individuals with direct responsibility for diverting waste from disposal, and saving money in the bottom line. But often their efforts are uncoordinated, with a lot of duplicated effort and wasted resources. Bringing these scattered initiatives under one umbrella, IRN makes recycling much simpler, with results that translate directly into improved results and significant budget savings

Comprehensive Recycling Solutions

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