



# Teres Solutions

*Solid Waste Services started the WasteSMART program to recognize local businesses that reduce and recycle waste and buy recycled products...*

### **The Story**

**T**eres Solutions is a software development company that helps financial institutions embrace automation and technology to manage online and offline lending channels consistently, efficiently and productively. Their Austin office houses about 50 employees.

### **The Program**

Teres Solutions addresses the “reduce” portion of the “reduce, reuse, recycle” mantra by using paperless systems whenever possible. Drinking water is supplied in bulk refillable containers, reducing the use of small plastic bottles. Even the toner cartridges the company buys are remanufactured.

Recycling efforts include collection of:

- Aluminum cans
- Toner cartridges
- Mixed paper
- corrugated cardboard

Soda pop tops are collected and sent to the Boy Scouts as a fundraiser. Staff reuse and exchange magazines by using the magazine exchange rack in the break room. The company even addresses energy issues by taking advantage of ambient light, keeping hall lights off and using compact fluorescent light bulbs.

### **Education**

Teres Solutions uses staff meetings and e-mail correspondence to educate employees and how and what to recycle.

Due to the commitment of the staff and the planning of management, the recycling and waste reduction efforts at Teres Solutions have been very successful.