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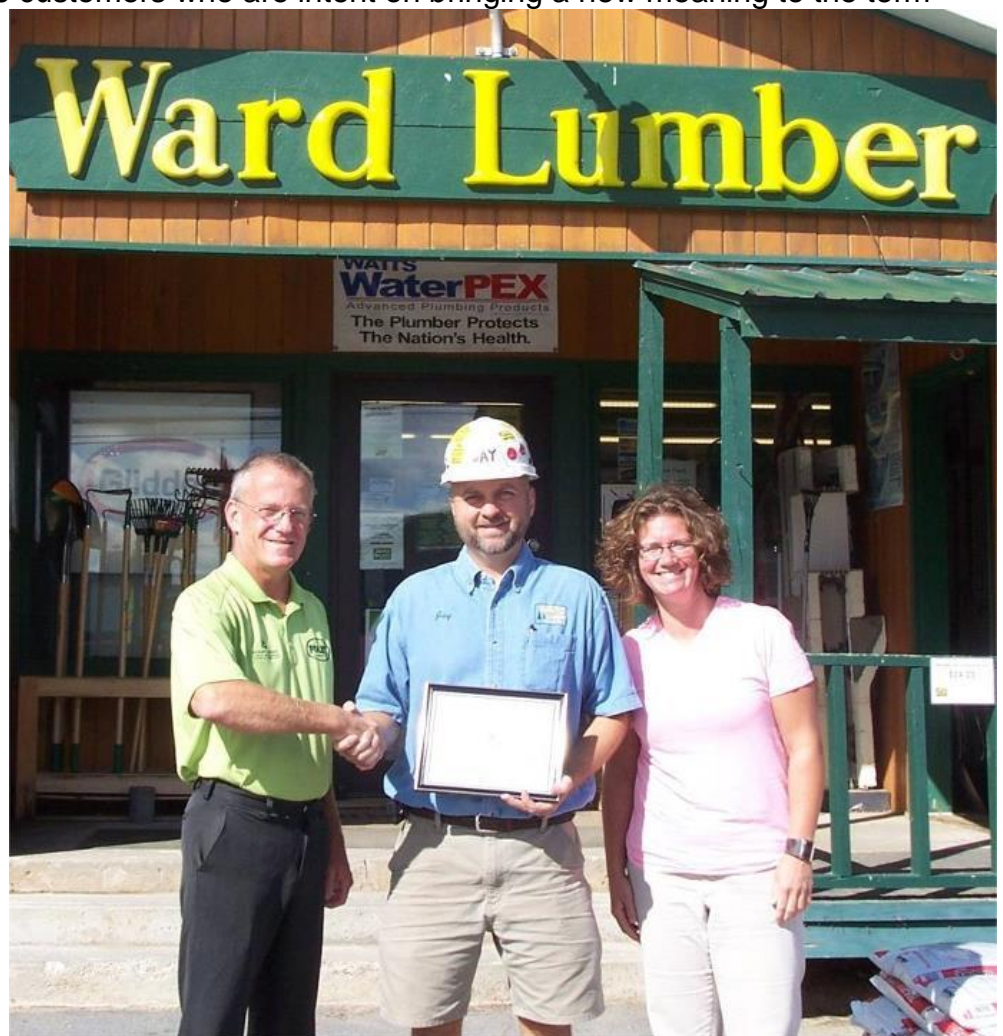
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Ward Lumber to Adopt Casella Waste System's Power of Three™ Closed Loop Recycling System

Jay, NY: Ward Lumber reaffirmed its commitment to being a leader in sustainability by joining Casella Waste Systems Power of Three™ closed loop recycling service. The Power of Three is Casella's newest solution for its customers who are intent on bringing a new meaning to the term "zero-waste."

The Power of Three is premised off of picking up a customer's recycling, processing that recycling into new products, and then providing those products back to the customer in the form of new hand towels, tissue paper, and toiletry items. The Ward Lumber program is accomplished through a partnership among Casella, Foley Distributing and SCA paper that redefines closed-loop recycling.



With Casella Waste System's Zero-Sort® recycling program, all Ward Lumber's paper, plastic, glass, and metal are combined together in one single container. Casella's Zero-Sort processing facility located in Rutland, VT mechanically sorts all of the material. Once sorted, the baled paper will travel to the SCA plant in Glens Falls, New York to be made into 100% recycled paper content products that will then be delivered back to Ward Lumber by Foley Distributing.

Businesses that have converted over to Zero-Sort typically see a 20-40% or more improvement in their recycling efforts. This typically saves them money on disposal costs, time in sorting, and streamlines their collection processes internally.

Jay Ward, President of Ward Lumber, said "At Ward Lumber, we continually look for ways to reduce our waste streams. My goal is a 2/3 reduction in our waste stream by recycling, reusing and reducing. Being able to recycle products such as paper towels that we use at Ward Lumber every day and ultimately receiving them back in a recycled form to reuse is a step toward reducing our carbon footprint and creating a more eco-friendly workplace for our customers and employee team."

Also, used shrink wrap that was previously a part of Ward Lumber's waste stream is now being recycled in pilot recycling program with Casella. "We are looking forward to continued participation in this pilot program in partnership with Casella, and we hope our efforts aid in creating a positive, eco-friendly future for the communities we serve."

Casella is very hopeful for the future of the Power of Three program and the positive impact it will have on the environment and its customers. "One of our goals as a company is to help our customers ensure that as few resources as possible are wasted," said John Casella, Chairman and CEO of Casella. "We are intent in our mission of taking the things our customers do not want and transforming them back into things that they do. Our partnership with Foley Distributing and SCA Paper allows us to do just that."

Ward Lumber is a two-unit building materials supplier with locations in Jay and Malone, NY. One of the largest private employers in Essex County, Ward Lumber manages over 6,000 acres of timberland and operates one of New York State's largest white pine sawmills and planing mills.

Casella Waste Systems, Inc. headquartered in Rutland, Vermont, provides solid waste, recycling and resource solutions throughout Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, Massachusetts, New York, and Pennsylvania. For further information, please contact Steve McDonnell, director of sales and marketing at (802) 772-2226, or visit the company's website at www.casella.com. For more information about The Power of Three™, visit www.Casella.com/P3.

Foley Distributing founded in 1973, occupies a 140,000 square foot facility in Rutland, Vermont. They have grown to be the market leader in the supply and delivery of recycled paper products, compostable and recyclable takeout foodservice packaging; kitchenware washing and laundry systems, hotel guest amenity items, washroom toilet tissue, paper towel and hand soap systems that reduce waste; environmentally preferred cleaning and floor care products as well as floor care and carpet care cleaning equipment sales and service. Foley has played a major role in converting hundreds of companies, schools and other facilities to sustainable, green programs that lessen their impact on the environment while improving the health and safety of their employees and building occupants. Their service area includes the entire State of Vermont, Western, Central and Southern New Hampshire, Upstate New York (including the Capital District) and Northern Massachusetts. Foley Distributing is a member of Network Services, Distribution by Design™, located in Schaumburg, Illinois, a distribution network with over \$10 Billion in annual sales.

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