

**1,300+** lbs of paper recycled every year  
**90%** waste diversion from landfill



As design leaders in a rapidly growing region, Zervas Group Architects advocates urban connection where infrastructure exists, planning that preserves our natural resources and design that adds to the community experience as the best way to achieve responsible and inspiring growth. Zervas is building a legacy of beautiful, timeless architecture, and hold their firm to the highest standards for sustainable design as well as sustainable business practices. Through the challenge to move towards zero waste, they have made a few simple changes that have yielded an impressive 90% waste reduction. TZW steps taken include; 100% of paper waste recycled, clear and comprehensible recycling labels and bins set up for workers and clients to follow, and paper hand towels and food leftovers are composted.



## **TZW Actions**

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### **Business Waste Recycling Efforts - 2009**

**Clearly marked recycling areas for newspaper, e-waste and bottles, cans or plastic items**

**Each desk has a cardboard "recycle" box**

**Paper towels and food waste are composted**

**100% of ink cartridges recycled**

**100% of proposal materials for new projects can be recycled**

**Usable computers and peripherals are donated to charities, while "techno-trash" is recycled through approved programs**

**100% of plastic and bubble wrap is recycled once a month, or re-used for shipments going out of office**



Sustainable Connections' Toward Zero Waste (TZW) campaign has enlisted the partnership of local governments and over 165 local businesses that have made significant commitments to reduce waste. With these businesses' leadership, we aim to reduce the amount of waste going to the landfill, increase reuse and recycling of existing resources, and increase purchasing of recycled and environmentally preferable products. Together, we are moving this community Toward Zero Waste! For more details about how your business can participate, visit [www.sconnect.org/bizdev/tzw](http://www.sconnect.org/bizdev/tzw)



**QUESTIONS?** Call the Whatcom County Recycling Hotline at 360-676-5723.

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