

**\$30,000** in new revenue  
**100** tons of waste diverted from a land fill  
**90%** waste reduction



Louws Truss Inc. is a full service provider of roof trusses and pre-manufactured wall panels. Through the help of Sustainable Connections Construction Recycling resources and a waste audit by SSC, Louws Truss was able to eliminate a 30 yard dumpster that was being dumped 2-3 times a month. They have benefited financially by taking steps Towards Zero Waste; it costs less to recycle each month than to have waste sent to a landfill. With the sale of mill ends to be reclaimed as finger jointed studs, they have turned what was once recycled waste product into a revenue source!



## **TZW Actions**

**Louws Truss, Inc.**  
[www.louwstruss.com](http://www.louwstruss.com)

### **Construction Waste Recycling Efforts - 2008**

*installed a SSC construction recycling bin that collects OSB and CDX scrap, lumber with nails, metal banding and some plastic films (previously disposed of)*

*contacted the W.C. Recycling Hotline for support that led to Agri-Plastics, which recycles all lumber tarps free of charge (previously disposed of)*

*installed can/bottle, paper recycling and construction recycling bin at every work station (previously disposed of)*

*dimensional lumber over 1' is palletized and shipped to a finger jointing plant in Bellingham (previously chipped)*

*all clean lumber under 1' is recycled into high grade wood chips*

*implemented recycling of metal plates, fasteners and scrap metal*

*contacted local non-profit for free cardboard collection*



Sustainable Connections' Toward Zero Waste (TZW) campaign has enlisted the partnership of local governments and over 270 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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