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# TALKIN' TRASH

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**Dear Customer,**

Well we ain't just talkin' trash here, we're movin' it too! This quarterly newsletter represents our pilot effort to stay in touch with our friends and customers and hopefully, provide some profitable information along the way.

If you don't wish to receive future Talkin' Trash emails simply click the "Unsubscribe" link above and your name will be removed from our list.

Best Regards,  
**Wallace Putkowski,**  
President  
Diamond Waste Services, Inc.

## Take the LEED!

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**Diamond Waste can help you meet the stringent recycling requirements of LEED-certified green building projects.**

Every day more and more jurisdictions are mandating green building requirements. Likewise, owners and construction companies are stepping up to this challenge.

### Is your company ready for green building and projects seeking LEED certification?

The LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) rating system is a voluntary set of building performance standards developed by the [U.S. Green Building Council](#). Its goal is maximizing operational efficiency while minimizing environmental impact. LEED certification is available for all building types including new construction and major renovation.

LEED is a point based system. Projects earn LEED points for satisfying specific green building criteria. The number of points the project earns determines the level of LEED Certification the project receives.

**Waste removal and recycling are an important part of this system.**

Implementing an appropriate waste removal and recycling program and documenting your results are required to achieve LEED points toward the LEED certification process.

**Call Diamond Waste Services, Inc. to help you establish a suitable policy, implement a specific program on your job site and document the results as part of the LEED certification process for your project.**

Yes, we'll take care of the waste removal, recycling and the paperwork too.

## NAHB - The New Green in Town?

Looks like the USGBC's "LEED for Homes" program (not to be confused with the commercial LEED program) has some competition.

The National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), recently announced their own National Green Building Program. This is a voluntary green certification program whereby builders earn points toward green certification. Point categories include: lot design, preparation and development; resource efficiency; energy efficiency; water efficiency; global impact; indoor environmental quality; operation, maintenance and homeowner education.

Builders self score their projects which are then verified by local green building experts. Documents supporting the green building are submitted to NAHB for consideration of certification. You can find local accredited verifiers on the NAHB website ([www.nahbgreen.org](http://www.nahbgreen.org)), there are currently 9 listed for Maryland.

As of this writing only the city of Arlington, Virginia is listed as an official program for the Metro DC area. There are no current programs listed for Maryland or DC. But that's likely to change in the near future. Will your company be the first?

Diamond Waste Services, Inc. can help you earn "resource efficiency" points by developing and implementing a C&D waste management and recycling plan. Just as with LEED certification, we will take care of the paperwork too.

## Commercial Property Slump May Be Limited

In an article titled "Commercial Developers Face Muted Downturn" from the March 10, 2008 edition of "The Wall Street Journal.," writer Peter Grant observes that the commercial property downturn may not be as steep as the current slump in the housing market. He explains that losses by commercial building owners, lenders and investors are likely to be tempered by the lack of overbuilding in recent years as well as the ability of most office buildings, shopping centers, hospitals and other commercial properties to keep current on their mortgages for the near future.

## BAC/IMI Training Institute Achieves LEED Certified Green Building Status



Diamond Waste is proud to have helped the National Training Center of the International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers and the International Masonry Institute project located in Bowie, MD (as seen in the October 3, 2007 Engineering News Record) to have achieved LEED Certified Green Building status.

The 25-acre campus of the BAC/IMI National Training Center will offer skilled craft training in all the masonry trades, plus educational programs for building designers and contractors. For more information please visit the [IMI website at this link](#).

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