Interstate Container Helps Customer Switch to Recyclable Boxes

Interstate Container, a founding Coalition for Resource Recovery (CoRR) member, was recently recognized for transitioning Allen Harim Foods’ nonrecyclable coated corrugated packaging to Fibre Box Association-certified recyclable coated boxes. If these boxes are recycled, the move will eliminate 11,000 tons of carbon emissions each year. Global Green USA and its CoRR initiative congratulated Allen Harim and Interstate for their efforts to transform poultry packaging and set an example for all food packaging to be significantly more environmentally responsible.

“This is exactly the kind of leadership we need to reduce New York’s waste stream and carbon footprint,” says Annie White, director of Global Green USA’s Coalition for Resource Recovery.

Allen Harim ships more than 530,000 boxes to New York City each year, many of which pass through the largest food distribution in the world at Hunt’s Point. If all of these coated boxes are recycled, the city will enjoy carbon reductions equivalent to adding 100 acres of trees to Central Park. Interstate Container worked closely with Allen Harim to ensure that the packaging was robust and fully recyclable.

“Interstate Container is proud to have helped Allen Harim make the transition to recyclable boxes possible for all its domestically distributed poultry,” says Jeff Cormier, national sales manager. “We operate in a highly competitive market, and providing recyclable packaging helps us stand out in the crowd by bringing additional value to our customers.”

Honda Cuts Corrugated Packaging

Honda’s 2011 North American Environmental Report shared the company’s packaging reduction efforts, including eliminating 2.2 million pounds of corrugated packaging material.

“We are accelerating our efforts to rapidly advance the environmental performance of our products and operations throughout the region,” says Tetsuo Iwamura, chief operating officer of Honda’s North American Regional Operation.

“The challenges of global climate change and energy scarcity are fundamental issues that require us to think innovatively about every aspect of our operations, and to find new ways of increasing our efficiency for the benefit of our customers and society.”

Ex-employee Accused of Embezzling $300K

A former employee of Norampac’s Lancaster, N.Y., sheet plant faces a likely indictment after her arrest for allegedly embezzling about $300,000 from the company, where she had worked for more than six years, The Buffalo News reports.

Lynn Montgomery, 46, was charged with grand larceny and fraud after a local bank alerted the Erie County sheriff’s office about suspicious deposits being made into her account.

Montgomery was charged after a three-week investigation disclosed she had allegedly been generating fraudulent payroll checks from Norampac since early 2005. She is accused of issuing payroll checks to employees who either were out on disability or had recently been terminated, and forging those employees’ signatures on the checks and depositing them in her personal bank account.

Alpine Waste & Recycling Awarded for Growth

Alpine Waste & Recycling, Commerce City, Colo., was chosen as the winner of the 10th Annual Rocky Mountain Growth Conference’s Emerging Growth Award.

It began as a single truck operation in 1999 and in the following years it created its recycling division (named Altogether Recycling), established a single-stream recycling plant in north Denver, expanded the plant four years later, and opened a commercial composting service.

President John Griffith thanked the Association of Corporate Growth for recognizing Alpine’s steady record of growth over the years. He said he is proud of Alpine’s responsiveness to customer demands, noting its willingness and ability to meet and exceed patron expectations.