



CASE STUDY

CONSULTATIVE SOLUTIONS FOR PACKAGED OFF-SPEC COFFEE

THE CHALLENGE:

The client was previously sending all of their damaged and off-spec packaged goods to landfill and wanted to divert this waste to a more sustainable destination. Additionally, prior to Vanguard's solution, the client was experiencing container failure and issues with fruit flies with their cardboard gaylord boxes.

VANGUARD'S SOLUTION:

We tapped into our nationwide network of strategic partners and found an outlet to depackage the products, recycle the aluminum and glass, and land apply the liquids.

After a few months of working together, it became evident to us that the client's storage methods were problematic.

Our team researched alternative options and addressed the issue by renting poly monster tubs with lids to better contain spills and prevent fruit flies, saving time and avoiding extra cleanups.

THE OUTCOME:

By conducting a comprehensive waste evaluation, we helped this client not only divert their organics from landfill, but also reduce their costs and increase their operational efficiency. Additionally, we rectified a housekeeping issue that reflected poorly on the client's GMP program.

CLIENT PROFILE:

The client produces ready-to-drink coffee and related products, including shelf-stable coffee, cold brew, and functional beverages. The company also provides turnkey contract and private label manufacturing services for major brands from its centralized manufacturing facility.

Client Industry: Beverage

Client Location: Wisconsin

Disposal Method: Depack; Land Application

