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## Filco Carting provides waste removal, recycling and materials mgmt.

**BROOKLYN, NY** Filco Carting Corp., a waste removal, recycling and materials management company is one company that is doing great things for the



**Domenic Monopoli**

environment. The fourth-generation family owned business -- that once started with a horse and wagon back in 1910-- has become a leader in educating other companies as to how they too can become more environmentally responsible and save money in the process. This company, which is the sole contractor for the city's three major utilities--Verizon, KeySpan and Con Edison--works with major companies in the public, private, institutional and nonprofit sectors.

Filco Carting Corp. sends out 40 trucks each day picking up approximately 1,000 tons of commercial and

industrial waste from New York City. Under their recycling division --Messerole St. Recycling -- 92% of the waste that comes into their facility gets recycled and the remaining 8% goes into landfill. It is a remarkable statistic, indeed. Aside from the paper, plastic, wood, glass and metal that gets recycled, the company also recycles styrofoam--one of the only companies in New York to do so. Once the materials are collected, separated, sorted, bailed and placed into containers, they are sent out to mills and other processors. Furthering their commitment to the environment, Filco, has set up a number of specialized programs for the different materials they pick up, including: paper; metal-plastic-glass; E-scrap; universal general waste; food waste, construction waste recycling for LEED certified projects and single stream collection. One of their most interesting programs includes recycling styrofoam to be manufactured into materials for green roofs in New York City. At Filco, it is evident that nothing goes to waste.

"Being strongly committed to environmental conservation, we actively

went after markets for everything we found in the waste stream and it has been three to five years that we have been fine-tuning it," said Domenic Monopoli, vice president and chief operating officer at Filco Carting Corp.

To further illustrate their dedication in helping to preserve the environment, Filco Carting Corp. recently purchased three natural gas trucks.

"The normal trucks that run are just not good for the environment. These new trucks are cutting edge. They run on natural gas, generate very little noise and emit minimal emissions," said Monopoli, whose company has already budgeted eight more trucks for 2008 and 2009. "It was up to one of us to step up to the plate and Filco Carting Corporation did just that."



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