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Packaging Practices prior to ReThink Disposable:
- Disposable plastic plates
- Two sizes of disposable plastic bowls
- Stainless steel utensils
- Durable plastic cups

Recommendations Implemented:
- Replace single-use plates with reusable plates
- Replace two types of single-use bowls with reusable bowls

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## Results:

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<th>Disposable Product Replaced or Minimized</th>
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**TOTALS:**
- AVERAGE % Reduction of targeted foodware: 100%
- TOTAL # Reduced: 54,507 pieces
- AVERAGE Payback Period: 1.3 months
- TOTAL Net Savings: $4,693
- TOTAL Waste Reduction: 2,240 lbs.

### THE BOTTOM LINE
- Two simple changes resulted in $4,693 of annual savings
- 1.12 tons of annual waste reduction
- Average payback period, 1.3 months

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