

The 7 deadly wastes

Waste elimination is one of the most effective ways to increase profitability in manufacturing and distribution businesses. In order to eliminate waste, it is important to understand exactly what waste is and where it exists in the factory or warehouse. While products differ in each factory, the typical wastes found in manufacturing environments are quite similar.

After years of work to eliminate waste, Toyota, the Japanese automobile manufacturer, identified the following seven types of waste as the most prominent ones:

1. Waste from overproduction
2. Waste of waiting time
3. Transportation waste
4. Processing waste
5. Inventory waste
6. Waste of motion
7. Waste from product defect