Restoration Management Company
WATER, SMOKE & ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIALISTS

Case Study

# Restorative Metal Polishing for Commercial Property

**Type of Venue:**
Class A Commercial Property



## Summary

Restoration Management Company's Specialty Building Services (SBS) team restored stainless steel trash bins at a Class A commercial property in Santa Clara, CA. Rather than replacing the nine bins, which would have cost approximately $20,000, RMC technicians refinished and polished them for just $2,500, delivering a refreshed appearance, extended asset life, and significant savings. The project was completed in only seven hours by a two-person SBS team, with all work performed without disruption to building operations.

## The Challenge

The client needed a cost-effective solution for worn stainless steel trash bins across the campus. The bins showed significant surface wear that detracted from the building's professional image, and replacing all nine would have cost upwards of $20,000 while disrupting tenants. To protect building operations and avoid any inconvenience, RMC's SBS team carefully planned the work to be completed after hours.

## The Solution

RMC's SBS technicians refinished and polished all nine stainless steel bins using professional-grade polishing creams and scouring pads. By working after hours, the team ensured tenants experienced no disruption while the property's appearance was restored. In just seven hours, the bins were restored to like-new condition, extending their life cycle and significantly improving the overall look of the campus.

In addition to saving the client approximately $17,500 compared to replacement, restoration also delivered measurable environmental benefits. By avoiding the production of new stainless steel bins, the project eliminated emissions tied to material manufacturing, while also preventing the additional carbon impact of transportation and waste handling. Taken together, the avoided impact approaches a full metric ton of $CO_2$. This sustainable approach highlights how restoration conserves natural resources and lowers environmental footprint, reinforcing RMC's commitment to solutions that are both cost-effective and environmentally responsible.

## The Results

**Client Net Savings**
$17,500 in replacement costs

**Extended Lifespan**
Stainless steel fixtures restored to like-new condition

**Environmental Impact**
Nearly 1 metric ton of $CO_2$ emissions avoided

**Client Satisfaction**
Leading to referrals and repeat business









