

iGPS Logistics and Central Garden & Pet
A GREEN AND GROWING PARTNERSHIP



Save time and money with iGPS Plastic Pallet Pooling Solution

With iGPS Pallet Pooling, you get access to the pallets you need, when you need them, without the headache of buying, recovering, storing or disposing them. Paired with our FDA-compliant, 100% recyclable plastic pallets, we can help you save up to \$4 per pallet load when switching from conventional wood block pallets.



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CLIENT OVERVIEW

Central Garden & Pet is a market leader in the pet and garden industries. Headquartered in Walnut Creek, California, the company employs more than 7,000 employees across its North American offices, distribution centers, and manufacturing facilities. The company's portfolio of brands and solutions help its customers take better care of their homes, pets, lawns, gardens, and communities.

THE CHALLENGE

Central Garden & Pet's brands include a wide variety of products for both animal care and lawn and garden care, including fertilizers, seeds, pesticides, and supplements. But the company faced numerous challenges with traditional wood-block pallets, including issues with pallets getting jammed in automated palletizers and being rejected by retailers due to damage — which incurred heavy fees. Another headache was the inbound inspections needed to manually review and set aside non-compliant wood pallets, a significant expense of time and effort.

Central Garden & Pet was spending significant time and effort manually inspecting and setting aside non-compliant wood pallets.



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THE SOLUTION

Central Garden & Pets has transitioned to iGPS Logistics as its single-sourced pooled pallet supplier. iGPS provides recyclable plastic pallets from its pallet pool — meaning that Central Garden & Pets has access to the pallets it needs, when it needs them, without the need to store or dispose of pallets. Because of their uniform plastic construction, iGPS pallets have no nails or protruding splinters that can create debris and jam equipment. And because iGPS pallets are lightweight, they reduce greenhouse gas emissions and fuel costs.

BUSINESS RESULTS — SIGNIFICANT SAVINGS, GREATER EFFICIENCIES

Since coming aboard as an iGPS client, Central Garden & Pet no longer needs to perform inbound pallet inspections, because the company is confident that each pallet is of consistent size, weight, and construction. Other benefits include a significant decrease in retailer fees due to non-compliant pallets, and considerable time saved in administrative work. Automated palletization is no longer an issue, and productivity has improved because workers are no longer clearing jammed equipment and cleaning up wood and debris.

As a result of this program, Central Garden & Pet has saved time and money while better optimizing its nationwide supply chain.

- ✓ *Eliminated need for inbound pallet inspection*
- ✓ *Decreased in retailer fees*
- ✓ *Saved time on administrative work*
- ✓ *Optimized Automated palletization due to reduced equipment jams*
- ✓ *Cleaner warehouse, no longer needed to clear wood pallet debris*



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