The 8 Wastes

To remember The 8 Wastes, you can use the acronym “DOWNTIME.”

- **D**efects: Efforts caused by rework, scrap, and incorrect information.
- **O**verproduction: Production that is more than needed or before it is needed.
- **W**aiting: Wasted time waiting for the next step in a process.
- **N**on-utilized talent: Underutilizing talents, skills, & knowledge.
- **T**ransportation: Unnecessary movements of products & materials.
- **I**nterior: Excess products and materials not being processed.
- **M**otion: Unnecessary movements by people (e.g., walking).
- **E**xtra-processing: More work or higher quality than is required by the customer.