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Food Waste Composting

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Original Food Waste Program: 2005

Pre-ConSUMER

Post-ConSUMER
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Lessons Learned

20-gallon white Brute bins

75% Maximum fill

Rolled out to box; disposed of by two employees
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Original Food Waste Program: 2005

Contamination
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Contamination

- Contaminated loads = trash, not compost ($100 per ton at the time)

- In 2006, contaminated loads cost the organization over $5,000.

- Incidences of contamination were used for training staff.
How to Avoid Contamination

- Post bilingual signage in all food service areas
- Have a color-coded bin system
- Assign a “Recycling Supervisor” for each shift
- Provide summary of shift’s performance at the end of each day
- Keep compactor closed at all times
- Keep area around compactor clean at all times
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Upgraded Food Waste Program: 2007

• 40 concession and food preparation areas throughout the ballpark are now provided with green bins for food waste

• New food waste compactor installed with hydraulic lift
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Setting Up For Success

Color coded collection bins

Food
Recyclables
Trash
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### Setting Up For Success

Clear bilingual signage with photos that tell staff what **is** and **is not** compostable.
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Clear directional signage so staff can find their way
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Show them the way
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Designated compactor operator
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Designated bin washer
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Coffee Ground Composting

- Front office break rooms (4)
- Contracted partner break rooms (4)
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The Future of Food Waste

What are our next steps?
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The Future of Food Waste

Post-consumer / Fan Participation
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What happens to the food waste?

1. Food load delivered to local greenery

2. Food is covered with mulch

3. Product is “cooked” in windrows

4. Aeration & watering of windrows
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What happens to the food waste?

Compost

Mulch
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Informing the Public / Fan Outreach

Last year PETCO Park diverted 132 tons of food waste from the landfill to make compost at the Miramar Greenery.

LAST YEAR, THE PADRES DONATED 3.4 TONS OF FOOD TO THE SAN DIEGO RESCUE MISSION.
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