

Food Recovery Challenge

WA Dept of Ecology - Endorser



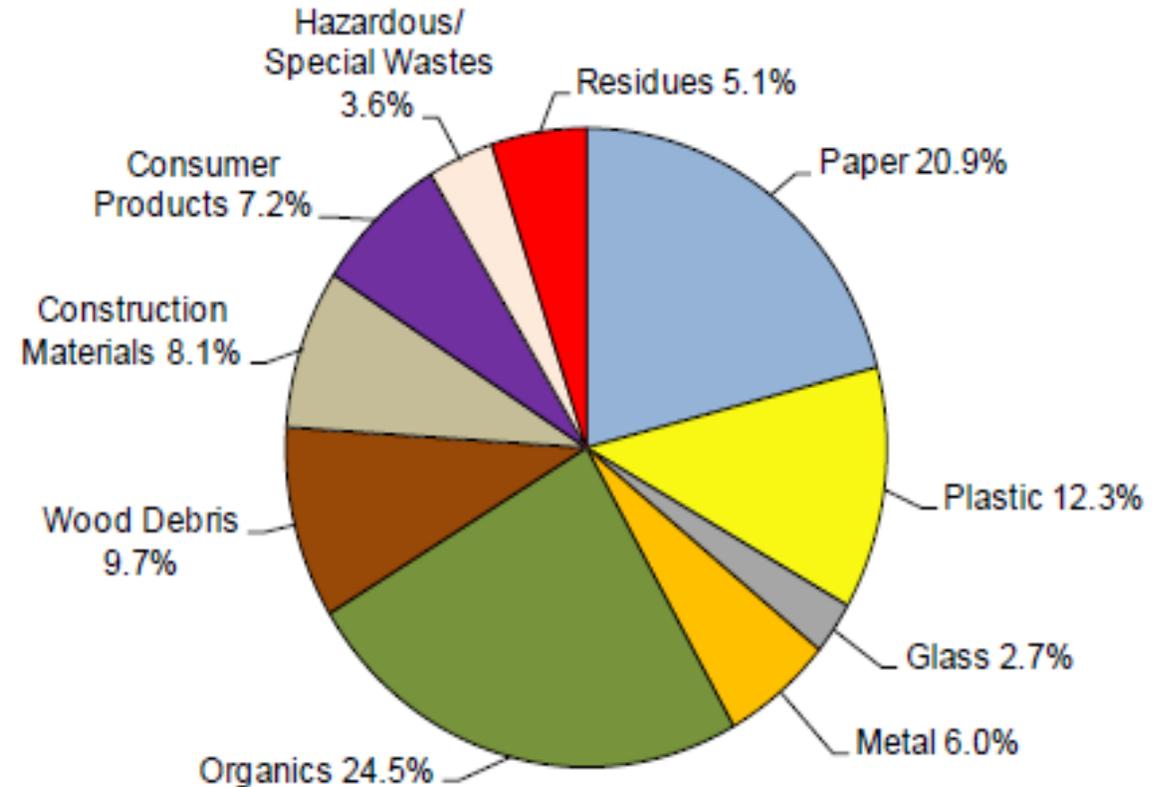
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Endorsing EPA's Food Recovery Challenge Webinar, 11.06.14



Why did we endorse?

- Food 17%* MSW
- State's Beyond Waste Plan
 - Milestone ORG M
 - Existing work
- Tools and resources available



*WA State Dept of Ecology Waste Characterization Study (2009)



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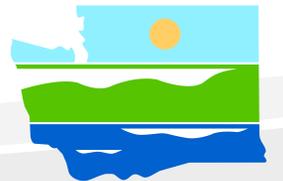


How did we join FRC?

1. Signed up
2. Participant agreement
3. First year goals

Now...

We report annual goals and activities





How is Ecology endorsing FRC?

Promotion

- State agency visits
- Organic Materials Management website
 - FRC, FTGTW etc.
- Information Clearinghouse website
 - Food rescue/donation, etc
- Presentations (grant officers, webinars, etc.)
- Zero Food Waste Forum Workshop (panelist)





Agencies serving food & managing materials





WA agencies serving meals, include:

- Dept of Corrections 16,700 offenders (+8,000 staff)
- DSHS (2 state hospitals) 1,170 residents (+2,700 staff)
- DVA Veterans/Soldiers Homes 530 residents (+600 staff)
- Child Deafness & Hearing loss 125 students (+110 staff)
- School for the Blind 70 students (+80 staff)

~18,600* x 3 meals = **>55 k meals/day**

* not including staff



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Dept of Corrections

- 12 prisons
- ~16,700k offenders = >50k meals/day
- Donating food from gardens
- Composting on and off-site



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DSHS –State Hospitals



- ~1,170 residents
- >3,500 meals/day



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Dept of Veterans Affairs (DVA)

- 3 Soldiers and Veterans Homes
- ~530 residents = ~1,600 meals/day
- One facility composting food off-site





Childhood Deafness & Hearing Loss

- 125 students
- 375 meals/day
- Green Team
- Waste audits
- Composting food off-site



School for the Blind

- ~70 students
- 210 meals/day
- Life skills: includes meal planning and food prep





WA Food Donation

- Food bank surveys
 - Yakima (2013)
 - Statewide (2014)
- Food Banks
 - Network of food banks - some sharing of surplus food
 - Need more protein and fresh produce
 - Food banks spending money to purchase these
 - Let donors know about Good Samaritan Laws





Future promotion...

- State agency visits, cont.
 - Assessment
 - More visits?
- Colleges
 - Partnership with EPA
 - Visits
- Independent Grocery Stores
 - Partnership w/ EPA, King County and City of Seattle
 - Webinar
 - Visits





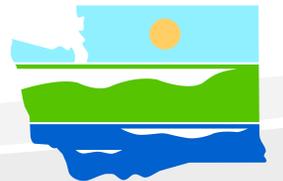
Questions?

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