

Organics in the Ivory Tower

Lessons in collecting food waste
at colleges & universities

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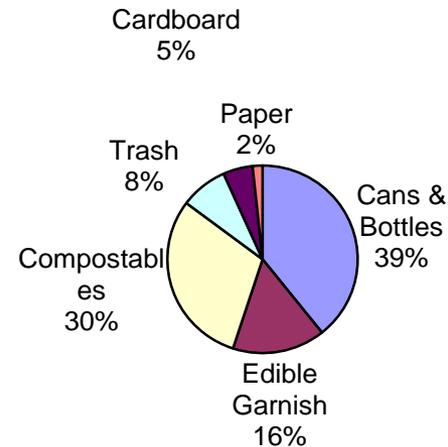


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- Measure it

Perform waste stream analyses. Record

- edible food
- non-edible food
- recyclable items
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Tailor signs to the event.
Use images not just words.

Match hole size and shape
the compostable items e.g.
plates, & cups

COMPOST

Food



Napkins



Utensils



Cups, plates



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“eternal vigilance by the recycling staff is the price of a successful organics program”

- CJ May, 2012

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Caterer

Menu

**Hidden items on menu:
ketchup packets?**

**Sub contracting trouble:
non-compostable cups
came from other
service providers**

Day-of: inspect, de-con

Take-home containers

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 - Institutionalize it
- ✓ **Develop guidelines**
 - ✓ **Codify responsibilities for on-campus and off-campus caterers, facilities, organizers.**
 - ✓ **Make it part of all events, not just green events**

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 - Show the process beginning to end.



“People care about what they help create.”