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# Food Waste Composting

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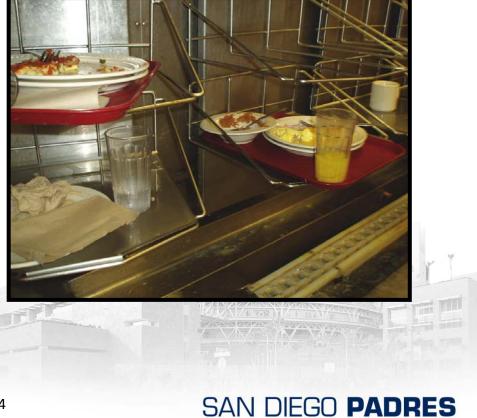


Original Food Waste Program: 2005

#### **Pre-Consumer**



#### Post-Consumer





#### Lessons Learned





20-gallon white Brute bins

75% Maximum fill

Rolled out to box; disposed of by two employees







### Original Food Waste Program: 2005

### Contamination









### 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







### 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











### Setting Up For Success

### Color coded collection bins







Setting Up For Success

Clear bilingual signage

with photos that tell

staff what is and

is *not* compostable





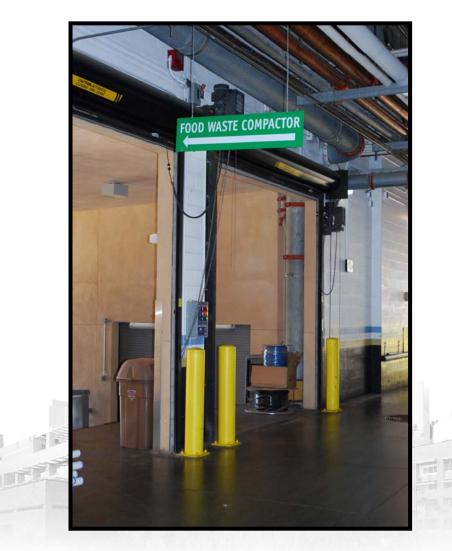


Setting Up For Success

Clear directional signage so

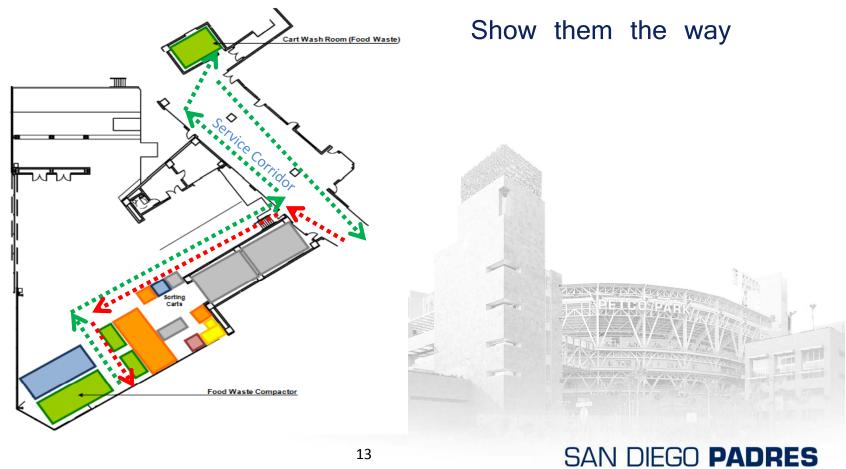
staff can find their way







#### Setting Up For Success





Setting Up For Success

Designated compactor

operator





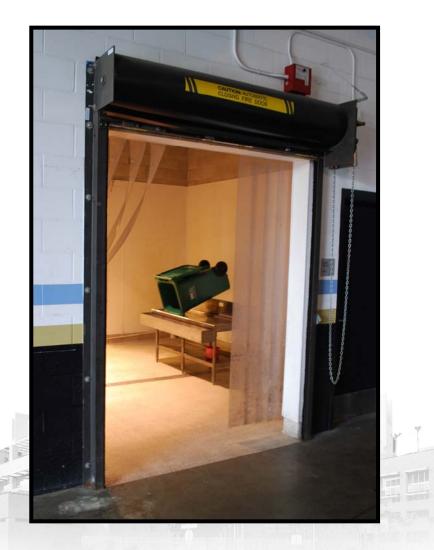




Setting Up For Success

Designated bin washer









#### Coffee Ground Composting

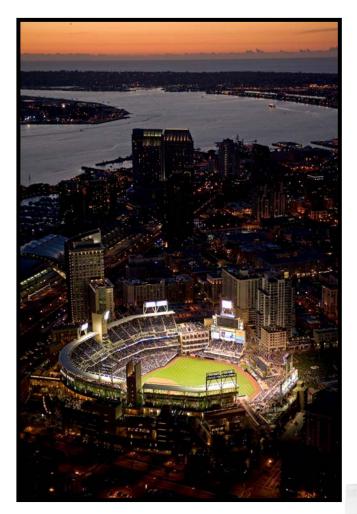
- Front office break rooms (4)
- Contracted partner break rooms

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The Future of Food Waste

What are our next steps?







#### The Future of Food Waste

Post-consumer / Fan Participation







# Food Waste Composting at PETCO Park

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











What happens to the food waste?

### Compost



Mulch



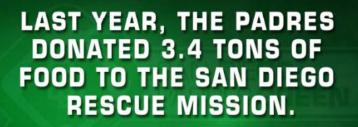




#### Informing the Public / Fan Outreach













### Leading the Way in Environmental Responsibility for Businesses and Sports Facilities Alike

