

Food Team Wisdom for Rotary Auction

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Goal:

Maximize diversion from the landfill dumpster.

Objectives:

- Ensure people sort their waste correctly into the compost, recycle and landfill (trash) bins after eating at one of the two discard stations located at each end of the cafeteria.
- Ensure people put the metal utensils into the utensil bucket.
- Have people pour leftover liquid from cups and cans into the liquids bucket before recycling or composting.
- Make sure utensils are returned to the kitchen for washing.

Methods:

- ✓ Before the shift begins, check to see that all containers have sufficient room in them for the meal cycle. If the toters are almost full, try to compact what is in them down as best as you

can. If still too full, the toters need to be wheeled to the curb and empty containers wheeled back.

- ✓ If the trash container is full, notify the Green Desk, who will contact a custodian to remove the trash and take to the dumpster.

- ✓ Make sure utensil buckets are 1/3-1/2 filled with soapy water.

- ✓ During mealtimes, help people use the appropriate containers for their discards. Clip samples to the compost sign.

- ✓ Pick out contaminants or use grabber to move to appropriate container.

- ✓ Take buckets with utensils to the kitchen when full. In the kitchen, either empty utensils into a bucket that is already there or leave your bucket (with utensils and water in it) and take a new one. Put soapy water in it before replacing.

✓ If you are still on duty after dinner service is over, please check compost bins at other stations (especially #18, in the north lobby) and empty into cafeteria compost carts.