



Food to Flowers!

Lunchroom Composting

Resource Sheet

This school is participating in Sanitary Service Company's award-winning, school-based composting program called Food to Flowers! Food to Flowers! recycles leftover food scraps, soiled papers and yard waste from cafeterias, teacher/staff lounges, bathrooms and grounds at area schools into compost. Materials recycled in the Food to Flowers! program are delivered to Green Earth Technology (GET) in Lynden for composting.

Why compost?

Lunch leftovers and soiled papers, like paper towels, napkins and milk cartons, are one of the biggest sources of garbage in schools. Sanitary Service Company (SSC) now accepts these materials for recycling into compost through their Food Plus! Recycling program.

Waste issues are a concern for many communities, including ours. We want to create a model of environmental stewardship and show that every school can participate in the health of their community by reducing waste, recycling and composting. The Bellingham School District is one of the first school districts in the county (and state) to implement an organics collections program. This groundbreaking program is modeled after the successful Food to Flowers! program operating in San Francisco public schools.

How can I participate?

Food to Flowers! is an easy program to participate in - for students and staff! Currently, students dump all lunch leftovers in the garbage can. With Food to Flowers! they dump their food scraps and soiled papers into the recycling container and the rest of their lunch into the trash. In addition, all yard waste and paper towel waste will be recycled. Your part is easy too - we are simply asking for your support and enthusiasm. Curriculum materials, in-class presentations and other community resources are available.



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Extra! Extra!

More info on recycling food scraps and soiled papers into compost is listed below. This is a partial list of community resources and website links to curriculum materials and composting info.

Community Resources - questions, more info, etc.

Sanitary Service Company
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Tetra-Pak
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ReSources for Sustainable Communities
Katie Fleming or Doug Stark
School Education Coordinators

www.re-sources.org/programs/schools
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Green Earth Technologies (GET)
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Additional Website Links - Curriculum Materials, Composting Info

www.sfenvironment.com/schools/ (or Search: Food to Flowers)
www.sfgreenschools.org
www.lifelab.org
www.kidsgardening.com
www.edibleschoolyards.org
www.schoollunchinitiative.org
www.slowfood.org/education
www.slowfoodusa.org ("Slow Food in Schools")
www.ecoliteracy.org/program
www.metrokc.gov/dnrp/swd/foodwaste
www.recycleworks.org
www.ciwmb.ca.gov/Schools/WasteReduce
www.compostingcouncil.org
www.dep.state.ct.us/wst/compost/schmanual
http://eelink.net
www.kid-at-art.com

Key Words - these may help in Internet and library searches

Compost/ing
Waste/Waste Reduction
Recycling
Organic/Organics Collections Program
Decompose/Decomposition
Biodegradable
Food Scraps/Food Scrap Recycling
Garbage
Gardening

**Thank you for helping make the Food to Flowers!
Lunchroom Composting program a success.**



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