

ACFEF-Accredited Programs Incorporate

Sustainable Ideas



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Postsecondary

Joliet Junior College, Ill.

- Recycling
- On-site herb garden
- Composting
- Waste separation

Keiser University, Fla.

- Recycling
- Waste Separation
- Other: gas is shut off on all weekends

L'Ecole Culinaire, Mo.

- Recycling
- Waste Separation
- On-site Herb/Vegetable Garden Cultivation
- Discontinued use of non-sustainable paper products.

Le Cordon Bleu—Orlando, Fla.

- On-site herb garden
- Composting
- Waste separation

Le Cordon Bleu—Scottsdale, Ariz.

- Recycling
- Waste separation

Louisiana Technical College College, La.

- Discontinued use of non-sustainable paper products: students are encouraged not to use "to-go" containers and Styrofoam.

National Center for Hospitality Studies at Sullivan University—Lexington, Ky.

- Recycling
- Waste Separation
- On-site Herb/Vegetable Garden Cultivation

National Center for Hospitality Studies at Sullivan University—Louisville, Ky.

- Recycling
- Waste Separation
- On-site Herb/Vegetable Garden Cultivation

Ozarks Technical Community College

- Recycling

Pennsylvania School of Culinary Arts, Pa.

- Recycling
- Composting
- On-site herb garden

Rel Maples Institute of Culinary Arts At Walters State Community College, Tenn.

- Recycling
- On-site herb garden
- Composting
- Pulling product prior to usage date for defrosting to eliminate water usage. Discontinued pre-setting beverages at dining events, eliminating unnecessary water usage.

Santa Barbara City College, Calif.

- Recycling
- Composting
- Waste separation
- Discontinue use of non-sustainable paper products

Skagit Valley College, Wash.

- Program is utilizing some composting and recycling. The program needs to bring along proper techniques and materials such as proper recycling bins.

Southwestern Illinois College, Mich.

- Recycling
- On-site herb garden
- Reducing paper waste/less handouts



Definitions

Composting

Organic matter that has been decomposed and recycled as a fertilizer and soil amendment. Compost is used in gardening and agriculture as opposed to chemicals to increase nutrient levels in plants. Compost is a form of recycling that allows for food waste to be recycled versus food waste ending up in landfills and creating excessive methane gas.

“Green”

Having positive environmental attributes and objections. Green habits often save money and improve health and life.

Recycling

The process of reusing a given product beyond its intended use. Recycling transforms waste into valuable resources. With recycling, empty plastic bottles and containers, cardboard boxes, old newspapers, discarded cans and other disposables are sorted, collected, processed and converted into new, useable products.

Sustainable

Living in way that leaves natural resources for future generations. Examples include: not consuming more resources than are available, not overusing resources, allowing resources the opportunity to naturally replenish.

Waste separation

The separation of used materials at the source to avoid mixing recyclable materials with the trash stream.



Southern Maine Community College, Maine

- Recycling
- Composting
- Waste Separation
- On-site Herb/Vegetable Garden Cultivation
- Discontinued use of non-sustainable paper products: linen tablecloths and napkins

SUNY Cobleskill, N.Y.

- Recycling
- Composting
- On-site Herb/Vegetable Garden Cultivation

The Art Institute of Washington, Va.

- Recycling
- Waste separation

The International Culinary Schools at The Art Institute of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

- No sustainable activities currently being practiced. The program will incorporate some ideas in the near future.

The International Culinary Schools at The Art Institute of Tampa, Fla.

- No sustainable activities currently being practiced. The program will incorporate some ideas in the near future.

Truckee Meadows Community College, Nev.

- Recycling
- Other: save fryer oil for car use
- Waste Separation
- Composting
- Discontinued use of non-sustainable paper products.

The Art Institute of Phoenix, Ariz.

- Recycling

University of Montana College of Technology, Mont.

- Recycling
- On-site herb garden
- Waste separation
- Discontinue use of non-sustainable paper products

Washtenaw Community College, Mich.

- Recycling
- On-site herb garden
- Waste separation

Westmoreland County Community College, Pa.

- Recycling
- Discontinue use of non-sustainable paper products

ACFEF-Accredited programs are making a difference, and you can too. Try some of these simple steps in your program:

- Set-up** a compost bin.
- Recycle**
- Start an on-site** herb/vegetable garden.
- Practice waste separation.**
- Discontinue** use of non-sustainable paper products.
- Save fryer oil** for use in cars.
- Shut off gas** on weekends.
- Pull products prior to usage date** for defrosting to eliminate water usage.
- Use** linen napkins and tablecloths.
- Discourage use** of styrofoam to-go containers.
- Use real metal** testing spoons and plates.



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