ACFEF-Accredited Programs Incorporate Sustainable Ideas

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Attleboro High School, Mass.
- On-site Herb/Vegetable Garden Cultivation
- Recycling

Carroll County Career and Technical School, Md.
- Recycling
- Composting
- Waste separation
- On-site Herb/Vegetable Garden Cultivation
- Discontinued use of non-sustainable paper products: replaced plastic soufflé cups w/stainless

Chariho Career & Technical Center, R.I.
- Recycling
- Composting
- Waste separation
- On-site Herb/Vegetable Garden Cultivation

Eastern Center for Arts and Technology
- Recycling
- Composting
- Waste separation
- Discontinued use of non-sustainable paper products: replaced plastic soufflé cups w/stainless

Eastside High School, Fla.
- On-site Herb/Vegetable Garden Cultivation
- Recycling-corrugated cardboard
- Discontinued use of non-sustainable paper products: replaced plastic soufflé cups w/stainless
- Use of local farmers

Franklin County, Mass.
- On-site no-till Herb/Vegetable Garden Cultivation
- Recycling
- Composting

Greater Lawrence Technical School, Mass.
- Recycling
- Use of non-sustainable paper products discontinued

Greater Lowell Technical School, Mass.
- Use of non-sustainable paper products discontinued

- On-site no-till Herb/Vegetable Garden Cultivation
- Recycling
- Composting
- On-site Herb/Vegetable Garden Cultivation
- Worm Farm, blueberry bushes and grapes are also grown

- Recycling
- Waste separation
- Discontinued use of non-sustainable paper products: replaced plastic soufflé cups w/stainless
- On-site Herb/Vegetable Garden Cultivation

Lake Career and Technical Center, Mo.
- Recycling
- Waste separation

Lorain County JVS, Ohio
- Recycling

Melbourne High School, Fla.
- On-site Herb/Vegetable Garden Cultivation
- Recycling
- Waste Separation

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 a 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.
- Recycling

Mid-Maine Technical Center, Maine
- On-site no-till Herb/Vegetable Garden Cultivation
- Recycling-corrugated cardboard
- Composting
- Waste separation

Middle Bucks Institute of Technology, Pa.
- On-site Herb/Vegetable Garden Cultivation
- Recycling-corrugated cardboard
- Compost

Northland Career Center, Mo.
- Recycling
- Composting
- Waste separation
- Discontinued use of non-sustainable paper products: replaced plastic soufflé cups w/stainless

- On-site Herb/Vegetable Garden Cultivation
- Solar panels
- Green house
- Rain barrels

Reading Muhlenberg Career and Technology Center, Pa.
- Recycling
- Waste separation

Region Two School of Applied Technology, Maine
- Recycling

Regional Career Center at Coventry High School, R.I.
- Recycling
- On-site Herb/Vegetable Garden Cultivation
- Other agricultural program produces hydroponic bok choy and other vegetables for culinary use as available as well as aqua-farming trout which are also used as available by the culinary department.

Rockland County Technical Center (BOCES), N.Y.
- Recycling
- Composting
- Waste separation
- On-site Herb/Vegetable Garden Cultivation

The Villages High School, Fla.
- Discontinued use of non-sustainable paper products: replaced plastic soufflé cups w/stainless

Warren County Career Center, Ohio
- Recycling

Warwick Area Career & Technical Center, R.I.
- Recycling
- Composting
- Waste separation
- On-site Herb/Vegetable Garden Cultivation
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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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