



Fall 2006 Goal Report
For
Sustainable Food System Practices

Service Locations:

Smith Memorial Student Union Food Court
Victor's at Ondine
LV's at University Place
Meetro

Recycling and Sustainability

PSU Dining is actively recycling glass, paper, cardboard, plastics, aluminum, tin cans and cooking oils at all service locations. The composting program started last year has been integrated into a part of our day to day practices. Taking the guess work out of what material can be composted - which can be confusing- has heightened awareness among the staff. Training and educational materials are provided to each employee upon hire to insure that we maximize our recycling and composting efforts. This allows us to not only educate and develop recycling and sustainable practices for our staff at PSU but it translates to their residences as well. We are now creating habits that are not only effective here but at home. In addition to recycling and composting, reusable food items are picked up by St. Vincent de Paul for use in their programs weekly.

As part of our Freshman Year Experience (FYE) rewards program, each FYE participant received a PSU recycle mug to make new students aware of recycling efforts at PSU. The mug was previously sold through PSU Recycles and the Office of Sustainability. In order to help educate the new Freshman, PSU Dining obtained permission to use the same design to familiarize new students with the school's commitment to sustainability. The mug contains the PSU Recycles logo as well as the websites for both the Recycling office and the Office of Sustainability. The mug was a popular gift and we are seeing it frequently utilized.

Fall quarter Midnight Breakfast was a totally compostable event. This function allows us to introduce a large population to alternative disposable products. It is well received by those students that participate in the function. In addition, we are now offering clients the option of having completely compostable catering events. Ariel Varney, our Catering Director, has developed unique signage available at each event to educate our clients on campus about the green products we are utilizing- paper, flatware,

