

Zero Waste

A Sustainable Initiative



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Why Zero Waste?

The goals of Zero Waste are

- 1. Reduce consumption*
- 2. Minimize waste*
- 3. Maximize recycling*
- 4. Promote products that are made to be repaired, re-used, or recycled back into nature or the marketplace*

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Objectives of the Zero Waste Park at Dairy Creek

- 1. Educate and Demonstrate how to reduce food waste to landfills*
- 2. Reduce water use, chemical, and fertility usage on our golf course*



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Our Vision:

The Vision for the Dairy Creek Zero Waste Park is to work in harmony with the members of our community to live, demonstrate, and communicate the benefits of zero waste through golf course operations as to inspire new environmental stewards to lead our residents toward a sustainable future.

Our Mission:

The Mission of the Dairy Creek Zero Waste Park is to actively educate our customers through cooperative efforts to sort and eliminate the waste streams from our golf facility with the end result of improved awareness coupled with a sustainable golf course model.

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COMPOST
(examples)

TRAS

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- I. *Education Through Demonstration*
 1. *Ask customers to help with the process*



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COMPOST

(examples)

1. ALL FOOD
 - Fruit
 - Vegetables
 - Meat (beef, chicken, pork)
 - Seafood
 - Rice
 - Beans
 - Pasta
 - Bread
 - Cheese
2. FOOD-SOILED PAPER
 - Waxed Cardboard
 - Napkins
 - Paper Towels
 - Paper Cups
 - Paper Plates
 - Tea Bags
 - Coffee Grounds/Filters
 - Sawdust
3. PLANTS
 - Tree trimmings
 - Leaves
 - Grass
 - Brush
 - Weeds

RECYCLE

(examples)

1. PAPER
 - Newsprint
 - Office Paper
 - Phone Books
 - Paper Grocery Bags
 - Egg Cartons
2. PLASTICS
 - Soda and Juice Bottles
 - Milk Jugs
 - Detergent Bottles
 - Oil and Antifreeze bottles
3. GLASS
 - Jars
 - Beverage Bottles
(clear, green, or brown)
4. METAL
 - Aluminum Cans
 - Scrap Metal
 - Tin Cans (Soup Cans)

TRASH

(examples)

1. PAPER
 - Snack Bags
(ex. Potato Chips)
 - Double-Sided Waxed
Beverage Cups
 - Wax Paper
 - Candy Wrappers
2. PLASTICS
 - Drinking Straws
 - Styrofoam
 - Plastic Shopping Bags
 - Ziplock Bags
 - Plastic Wrap
 - Bubble Wrap
 - Trash Bags
3. GLASS
 - Light Bulbs
 - Window Glass
 - Glassware
4. METAL
 - Cans used for Chemical and
Paint
 - Aerosol Spray Cans

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- 1. Education Through Demonstration*
- 2. Utilize community organizations*



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- I. *Education Through Demonstration*
 3. *Group presentations and tours*



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I. *Education Through Demonstration*

4. *Media exposure/PR (non-golfers)*

- *Rotary International presentations*
- *Botanical Garden Group tours*
- *Audubon Wildlife groups*
- *Newspaper articles*
- *Radio talk shows*
- *Blog sites*
 - www.slocountygolfcourses.blogspot.com
 - www.greengolferfoundation.blogspot.com
- *You Tube*

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II. *The Process*

1. *Infrastructure needs and development*
2. *Implementation*
3. *Education*
4. *Results*

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- i. Dairy Creek water usage = \$0
(avg. course \$250K-\$750K)
Water pumping = \$76,000
Fertilizer = \$43,000
Pesticides = \$15,000
= \$134,000
- ii. Estimates suggest a 20% reduction in water costs,
we estimate 10% = \$7,600 (electrical only)
- iii. Donations /grants /materials = \$33,000
- iv. Results in ROI of 4.3 years; 2.5 ROI with fertilizers
and pesticides, but still no actual water costs
included.

Golf Course Impacts

I. Reduced Inorganic Fertility

- 1. Compost – Provides N, P, K and various microbial populations*
- 2. Worm castings – Provide higher source of P through the digestive process of the worms, high in microbes, fast turn around time.*
- 3. Compost tea – Liquid fertility with exponential growth for microbes.*



Golf Course Impacts

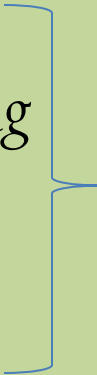
II. *Resource Maximization*

1. *Reduce – Convert F&B operations to minimize/eliminate non-compostable and non-recyclable materials*
2. *Reuse – Sort all products to create a stream for compost, recycle, and trash*
3. *Recycle – Use this as the last resort*

Golf Course Impacts

III. *Community Involvement*

1. *Non-profit*
2. *Institutions of higher learning*
3. *Environmental groups*
4. *Special interest*



Reach out to these groups for assistance and combine resources

Golf Course Impacts

III. Community Involvement

- *The San Luis Obispo Integrated Waste Management Authority was awarded grant funding to provide recycling containers for all golf courses in SLO County (\$110,000) with our project as the driver*
- *Large part of Earth Day Celebration*
- *Providing example of how to handle food waste within our communities*
- **27,000 POUNDS OF FOOD WASTE ELIMINATED FROM LANDFILLS!**



Golf Course Impacts

IV. *Golf Industry Importance*

1. *Global leadership*
2. *Pro-activity*
3. *Improved public image*
4. *Grow the game of golf*



Zero Waste Park at DCGC What's Next???



Questions ?



