

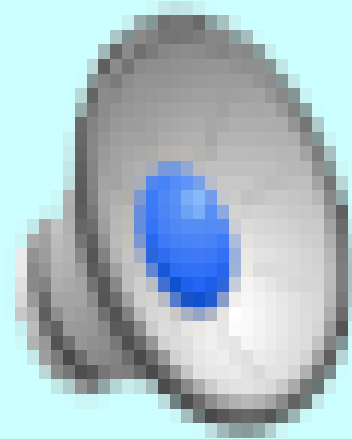
# ZERO FOOD WASTE JOURNEYS

## Serenbe, GA 2015

Elemental Impact and Let Us Compost revolutionize event composting in GA!



# On-Site Composting In Action



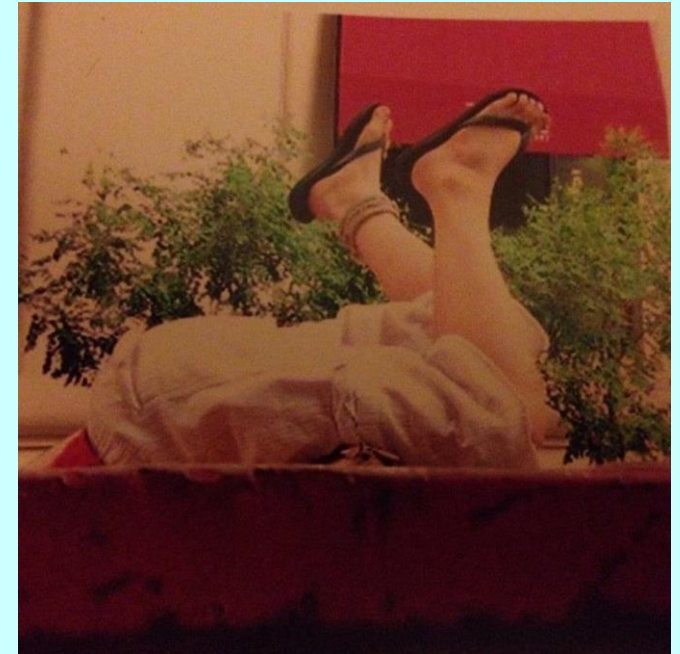
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# Traditional Waste Diversion vs Clean Stream

**Traditional:**  
collect, haul, sort  
(secret composting)



**Clean Stream:**  
source compostable wares,  
educate guests, create  
systems



# Education

## **Total Team Participation:**

Chefs, event staff, guests, composters, key organizations, government support, volunteers, green businesses, chef buy-in



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# On-Site Composting Toolkit

- \* skid steer/tractor
- \* thermometer
- \* travel chipper
- \* shovels
- \* wheelbarrow
- \* tarps
- \* clipboard/paper/pen
- \* woodchips
- \* fish scale
- \* buckets
- \* gloves
- \* lights
- \* tent
- \* bourbon/magical elixir



# Collection System (for guests)

**3 bins = landfill, recycling, compost**

Waste ambassadors at bins

Compostable wares

Clear signage with pictures

**Materials collected:** food, napkins, compostable wares, meat, bones, liquids



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# Collecting System (For Composter)

- \* Compostable bags on bins (stretchy)
- \* Constant gathering throughout event
- \* Extra bags in bottom of bin
- \* Sorting station on tarp/chip wares when timely



- \* Plastic bins (in case of rain)



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# Compost Recipe

- \* use what's available
- \* liquids last
- \* layer material
- \* turn pile
- \* flat ground
- \* build pile near carbon source, easy access
- \* 1/3 nitrogen, 2/3 carbon
- \* Ideal temp = 131° or higher with meat



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# Be Prepared



## Inclement Weather:

- \*Tractor access

- \*Tents

- \*Lights

- \*Straw

- \*Ponchos



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# Insist on what you need



Don't be afraid to ask anyone for help

Don't be afraid to ask 6 or 7 times for help



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# What you need to get started

- \* Space to compost
  - \* Equipment
  - \* Keep it legal
- \* Carbon + Nitrogen sources
- \* Awesome team of experts/volunteers
  - \* Benefit from end-product



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# Accomplishments

- \* 1800 lbs of food scraps composted
- \* Energized and involved guests (got hugs)
- \* Trained 30+ people in event composting
- \* Educated Serenbe about compost pile location, turning, temperatures and end use



# Contact



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