



How Compostable Packaging Can Keep Food Scraps Out of Landfills
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We're not a disposable products company trying to act green, we're a green company who happens to operate in disposables.

Sustainable disposables sound like an oxymoron, but we live in a consumer culture where disposable products are ubiquitous. And they aren't going away anytime soon. We see this as an incredible opportunity to help change the world—and more importantly, each of the local communities we serve—by making sustainable disposable products that shift an industry.



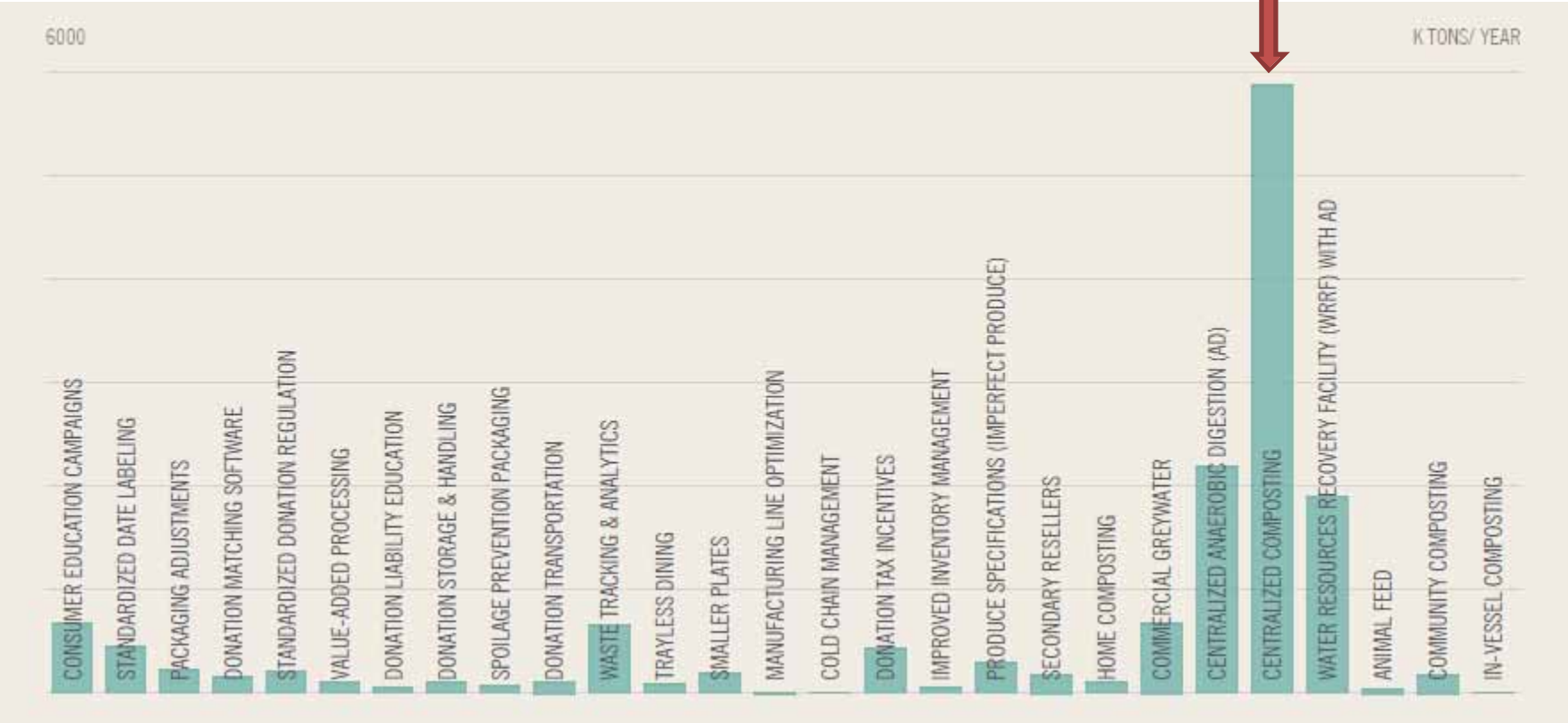
The Realities of Wasted Food



The role of commercial composting in reducing wasted food



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Source: ReFED 2016

How does packaging fit in?

Facts we must accept:

1. Food scraps will be generated.
2. People are really bad at sorting and separating materials.
3. Removing the decision of “which bin does it go in?” from the consumer is the best way to get materials to their ideal end-of-life destination.



Case Study: Larkburger



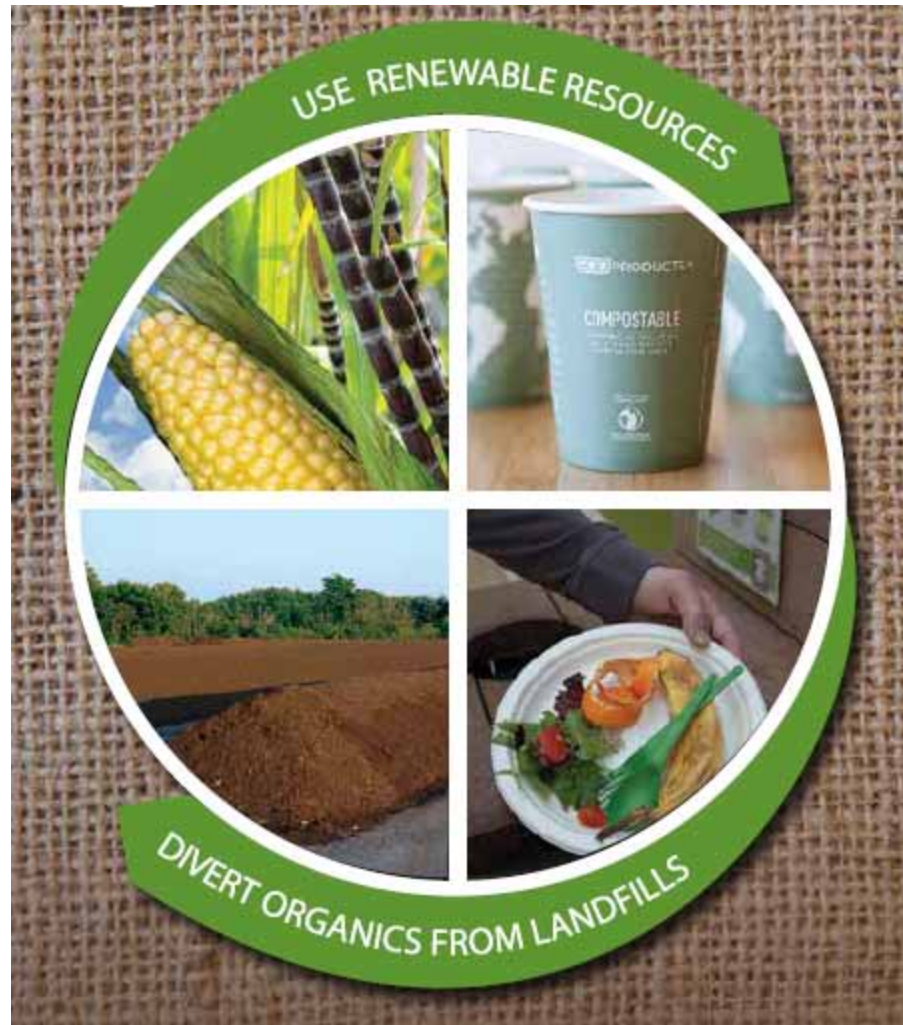
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- Larkburger is a 13 store fast casual burger chain in Colorado
- While colleges & universities, healthcare, stadiums & corporate campuses have examples of successful waste diversion operations, the chain / fast casual is a little more weary of trying front of house compost collection
- Through exclusive use of reusable and Eco-Products' compostable foodservice packaging, Larkburger is successfully diverting organics from both front- and back-of-house
- The [video](#) shows how Eco-Products, Larkburger, and the composter, A1 Organics, work together to make this waste diversion success story a reality



To move forward. . .

- We need more composting infrastructure and collection programs.
 - State and municipal bans, mandates
 - Streamlined permitting requirements
- Contamination must be addressed.
 - Generators of organics must be educated.
 - Haulers and composters play an important role.
- We need to increase demand for finished compost.
 - State and municipal governments can spec use of compost.
 - Landscaping and agricultural sectors can increase use.



Questions?

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