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Sustainable Sunnyvale Making a Difference Together

Food Isn't Garbage — Lakewood School Sorts Out Food Scraps

City Recycling Program staff and a Leadership Sunnyvale group are working with Lakewood Elementary to divert uneaten food from the garbage. At this time the program targets only the lunch meal, which is just one of five meals served each day and generates 75-85 lbs. of discarded food daily. The food collected is processed, sterilized, and dehydrated to become an ingredient in animal feed. Food waste is a HUGE issue—from restaurants to grocery stores to our own refrigerators and, yes, to school children tossing away uneaten food. The goal is to develop a process that is sustainable and successful at Lakewood so that it can be rolled out to other schools in Sunnyvale over time.



How it Works

We learned to sort our trash.







We do it...





...to save the Earth!











Our Ideas to keep things going.





Tips for Future Zero Waste Leaders



