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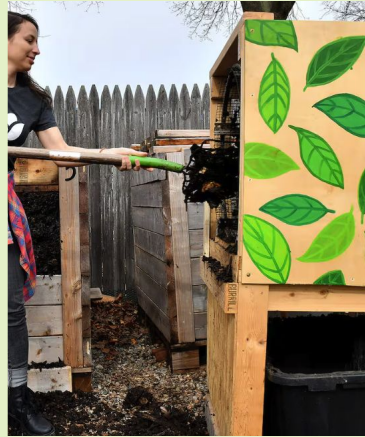
A wedding reception hall with long wooden tables, floral centerpieces, and hanging decorations. The room has dark wood-paneled walls and large windows. The tables are set with white linens, green napkins, and glassware. The centerpieces are made of various flowers, including purple, pink, and white blooms. Hanging decorations of small flowers are suspended from the ceiling. The text "Visualize your favorite wedding." is overlaid in the center of the image.

Visualize your favorite wedding.



A photograph of a green dumpster overflowing with wedding flowers and greenery. The flowers include white lilies, pink and yellow daisies, purple flowers, and various green leaves. The dumpster is situated outdoors on a paved surface. A semi-transparent green banner is overlaid across the middle of the image, containing text.

**The average wedding produces
400 pounds of garbage and 63 tons of carbon dioxide.**



We are community composters working to build a zero-waste world.
We keep food waste out of landfills and use it to improve soil health
and support healthy, resilient, and equitable food systems.





EVENT SERVICES



Planning
Support



Zero Waste
Stations



Staffing &
Breakdown



Food Recovery



Composting



Impact
Measurement







NEWPORT MARATHON SUSTAINABILITY

This event is zero waste, meaning we're working together to keep as much material out of the landfill as we can.

At last year's Newport Marathon, we



Composted 458 pounds of food scraps



Recycled 383 pounds of clean material



Donated ~250 pounds of edible food

Help us do even better this year by tossing your discards in the appropriate bins - compost, landfill, and recycling!



Rhode Races • 2024 Newport Marathon

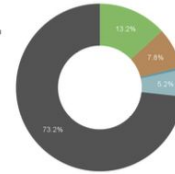
Key Takeaways & Event Review

Key Outcomes

At this event, we diverted a total of **376 lbs of organics from landfills, offsetting 269 net pounds of CO2 emissions**. This is equivalent to greenhouse gas emissions from 261 miles driven by an average passenger vehicle, or .03 cars driven for a year. This is equivalent to carbon sequestered by two tree seedlings grown for ten years, or .14 acres of U.S. forests in one year.

Discards Makeup by Weight

- Organic Waste
- Cardboard
- Mixed Recycling
- Bottles/Cans
- Landfill



Compost/Organic Waste	376 lbs
Cardboard	220.7 lbs
Mixed Recycling	15.2 lbs
Bottles/Cans	148 lbs
Recoverable Food	N/A
Landfill*	2080 lbs

*Note - this volume of landfill appears to be consistent with the growth in attendee/runner quantities, as well as the likely inclusion of very wet clothing.

Sorted Discards Characterization & Key Contaminants

	Composition / Characterization	Key Contaminants
Compost/Organic Waste 315 lbs	This waste stream was largely composed of banana peels, fruit scraps, napkins, and compostable cups.	Significant sources of contamination included landfill materials such as space blankets, gel packets, and straws.
Recoverable Food N/A	This year's marathon yielded no recoverable food to donate!	
Mixed Recycling 164 lbs	This waste stream was largely composed of single use water bottles, aluminum cans, and cardboard. Mixed recycling included single use plastic cups, paper signage, and paperboard boxes.	Significant sources of contamination included hot coffee cups, lids and straws from external cups, gel packets, and space blankets.

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Case Studies

SEG Impact Showcase

Social Enterprise Greenhouse

Minimize landfill waste, maximize organics diversion and compost all organics.

Engage guests through waste stations, signage, and conversation

Liaise with venue and vendors to minimize single-use waste

Provide glassware and linens rentals



200+ Guests



25 lbs diverted/yr



Newport Marathon

In partnership with Rhode Races

Maximize landfill diversion through waste stations, signage, and staffing

Keep marathon route and festival area tidy throughout event

Ensure clean waste streams for all discards via onsite waste sorting; compost all organics

Long-term waste reduction planning, including yearly data capture



15K+ Guests



250 Lbs food donated



.5+ Tons diverted



Private Wedding

At Hurricane Hill Farm

Food waste reduction planning, including liaising with all vendors to minimize excess food, avoid any single-use resources, and maximize landfill diversion, composting all organics locally

Provide event rentals, signage, web and print design, and communications materials



75 Guests



83 meals donated



53 lbs diverted



5 Lbs landfill waste

Princeton Reunions

In partnership with Earth Brands

Understand the efficacy of compostable cup implementation and collection receptacles/signage

Ensure clean waste streams and that all compostable cups are composted

Capture key data for long-term waste reduction planning and accurate purchasing decisionmaking



25K+ Guests



97K cups sorted



2.5 Tons diverted



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you do good.**

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