

Foam Free Dining at the University of Florida



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An illustration of a blue reusable water bottle and a blue reusable cup. Above them is a thought bubble containing green and blue circles, symbolizing environmental awareness.

Dana Falstad, Environmental Sustainability Manager
ARAMARK Corporate Responsibility

Dining at UF

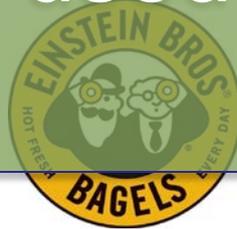
- 15 national brands
- 9 ARAMARK brands
- 49 locations on campus
- Estimated 1.2 million foam products used in 2010-2011



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Why?

- UF goal of Zero Waste by 2015
- Simplify the end of use methods for all take out items
- Preparing for post-consumer composting
- Goal: all disposable packaging be recycled or composted





How?



- Collected foam inventory
- Contacted brands with foam products proposing the changes
- Selected alternative products and sent samples
- Worked with brands to approve samples

- Timeframe: 7 months
- Costs: absorb by operations



What?

Foam



Paper or PLA alternatives



Paper or PLA Brands



Brand Solutions





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Gators Go Foam Free



Gator Dining Services at the University of Florida in Gainesville made the decision to eliminate foam packaging from all of its dining locations.

"The University of Florida is moving toward having zero waste by 2015," said Dana Falstad, sustainability manager with Aramark, the campus foodservice provider. "Single-use polystyrene packaging was our first switch to more sustainable packaging within retail dining on campus. We decided to make the switch to remove polystyrene products to further our sustainability efforts on campus, and it was the next step in our helping to reach our goal."

The program launched in February 2011 with Classic Fare Catering, followed by the university's two residential dining facilities in May 2011.

Ridding foam in more than 40 dining locations diverts an estimated 1.2 million units of foam products from the landfill, which is approximately 24,000 pounds or 17,000 cubic feet of foam.

Locations such as Pollo Tropical, Panda Express, Chick-fil-A, Moe's Southwest Grill, Chili's, Jamba Juice, KFC and Burger King have replaced their foam products with paper-based

products that are either made with renewable resources, compostable and/or recyclable.

"By eliminating foam from Gator Dining operations, we are not only positively affecting our students, but we are also reducing our carbon footprint for all those who eat on campus and helping to promote sustainability within the community," said Falstad.

Students, faculty and staff have been very pleased with the changeover. "[They] have commended our efforts, especially with our high-volume foodservice locations switching from foam to paper-based products that are compostable," she said. "This sustainability effort has spurred others to take action around campus and ask other departments to reduce or remove foam products from their coffee-break areas."

The school has worked with a number of suppliers to get its new products, including Genpak, Eco-Products, Pactiv and Solo Bare. "By leveraging our partnerships with our national brands, we have sourced foam alternatives for all products and have replaced the foam-based products with paper-based products," Falstad said.

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