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UB Compost Program Promotes Sustainability

*Campus Dining & Shops partners with UB Green, University Facilities
to support composting initiative.*

(Buffalo, NY) – Campus Dining & Shops (CDS), in the effort to support sustainable living practices on campus, has expanded the number of units providing food and kitchen scraps to UB's outdoor composting program. The compost pile, located near Helm Warehouse on North Campus, is managed and maintained to provide the University with mulch and nutrient-enriched soil for landscaping purposes.

Eight CDS kitchen operations are now participating, with the additions of Goodyear Dining Center and Harriman Café on South Campus. Each kitchen has received a set of 5-gallon bins with locking lids to discard appropriate food and kitchen scraps. Items composted include fruit and vegetable scraps, baked goods, breads, rice and pasta, paper towels and napkins, tea bags, coffee grounds and egg shells. The compost bins are collected three days a week and combined with University yard waste at the compost site.

Putnam's Food Court, located in the Student Union, sees a tremendous impact from the program. "We anticipate providing upwards of 50 gallons of kitchen waste per week to the program," said Adam Coats, general manager at Putnam's. "Our staff is excited to know that the waste is being reused and not going to a landfill in plastic bags." Other contributing locations include Governors Dining Center, Bert's Food Court, Campus Catering (Statler), Richmond Dining Center and Ellicott Food Court.

The compost site, which took in 5 tons of food waste last year, is maintained by Bill Bagley, recycling coordinator for the University. "We're very excited with the expansion of the compost program," said Erin Cala, environmental educator for UB Green. "Every bit that we can divert from landfills and reuse is a step in the right direction."

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