



U.S. Food Waste Challenge

Reduce, Recover, Recycle

Organization(s):

Upland Unified School District (14 schools)

City, State: Upland, CA

Website: <http://www.schoolnutritionandfitness.com/index.php?sid=1002110008508094>

What are the reduction, recovery or recycling activities?

Also this fall we have started using "Share boxes." With Share boxes students put any packaged item they do not want in the box for another student to take. If there is any remaining food at the end of the day, the items are removed and packaged with any other remaining food to be donated. This fall we have teamed up with Helping Hands to donate any leftover food. The leftovers are gathered up and donated to needy families around the area. All sites at Upland currently participate in donating food to Helping Hands.

These sites include:

Baldy View, Cabrillo, Citrus, Foothill Knolls, Magnolia, Pepper Tree, Sierra Vista, Sycamore, Upland Elementary, Valencia, Pioneer Junior High, Upland Junior High, Hillside High and Upland High.

Upland Unified School District has gone from using Styrofoam daily at most Elementary sites to an as needed basis. To compare the current amount of Styrofoam waste reduction, I looked at August 2013-November 2013 in comparison to the same time in 2014. During this time in 2013 we used 170,500 trays. This same time period in 2014 we used only 39,500 trays. That was a reduction of 131,000 trays! If we continue this trend for the rest of 2014-15 school year, we will have reduced the amount of Styrofoam trays that end up in the landfill by over 386,000 trays. This would be the equivalent of 62.53 miles of trays if lined up end to end!

The following sites are currently participating in the Styrofoam reduction:

Cabrillo, Citrus, Foothill Knolls, Magnolia, Pepper Tree, Sierra Vista, Sycamore, Upland Elementary and Valencia.