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Press Release



Campus Dining Trims Down Kitchen Waste

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Campus Dining Services continues its journey of green. Campus Dining Services recently added a waste reduction and awareness program to its latest roster of launched green initiatives. The ultimate goal of this green initiative is reduce the waste in local landfills.

TrimTrax, is a food waste reduction program developed by Compass Group, parent company to Chartwells Food Service. Trim Trax is the Compass Groups newest new green initiative. TrimTrax will track and measure food waste in kitchen production waste, over produced food, and unused and out of date inventory. The program is quite simple to use. The only pieces needed are graduated waste collection containers, color coded trash cans and a TrimTrax computer program.

Did you know food waste accounts for 15%+ of the trash in many landfills? Did you also know that food in landfills creates methane, a greenhouse gas 20 times more potent than carbon dioxide? Last year alone our country spent over 1 billion dollars to dispose of the excess food, but Campus Dining wants to help change that.

All Campus Dining locations on the Stony Brook University Campus will utilize the Trim Trax program on a daily basis. The program will assist managers in reducing waste within the food production areas, which will in turn help reduce waste in our landfills. "We want to do whatever we can to save our environment from further destruction. To us being green is 360°; it takes everyone, everywhere, everyday in order to make a difference and I promise to do what I can to make a difference," Dennis Lestrage, Director For Campus Dining Services.