

# WHY RECYCLE ORGANICS?

*Did you know that food waste is a major contributor to greenhouse gas emissions, which leads to the global climatic change we're seeing today?*

According to National Geographic, "The energy that goes into the production, harvesting, transporting, and packaging of that wasted food...generates more than 3.3 billion metric tons of carbon dioxide. If food waste were a country, it would be the world's third largest emitter of greenhouse gases, behind the U.S. and China."

*("How Reducing Food Waste Could Ease Climate Change," January 22, 2015).*



Source: wfae.org

Before You Leave Your Table,

# SORT YOUR WASTE!

ALL Food Waste, Napkins and BPI Certified Plates, Cups, Silverware and Dishes!



Aluminum Cans, Glass, Cardboard, Paper, Newspaper, Plastics #1-7, Etc.

Styrofoam, Plastic wrap, Non-Recyclable Plastics and Other Items



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# Avoid "Wish-Cycling": Know Your Stuff!

Many of us *want* to do the right thing, but aren't always sure what goes in each bin. Education is the first step! If you're not sure, check the signage, and look for a number on plastics to see if they're recyclable (then put them in the BLUE bins).

Much of the Cafeteria's service-ware is now compostable too! Does it say "compostable" or "BPI Certified?" It can go in the green bins!

The main thing to avoid is CONTAMINATION. Contamination, or putting items in the wrong bin, can mean that the whole bin has to be tossed out. Boo!



Source: <http://unicycler.com/residential/sonoma/santarosa>