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## Going green at Husky Stadium

**H**uskies, both fans and vendors, have proven themselves to be excellent recyclers at home games. The great news is that this year many food service vendors at Husky Stadium are now voluntarily collecting food waste for composting.

Stadium concessionaires, including Sodexho, Starbucks, and Ivars, are participating in a composting pilot program at Husky Stadium for the 2006 football season.

The 2006 football season will build on last year's success by expanding the number of participating game-day food vendors in and around Husky Stadium.

During the 2005 season, Starbucks coffee stands, lemonade stands, and the catering staff at the Husky Huddles breakfast buffet diverted more than 6,000 pounds of food waste.

UW Recycling makes it easy for vendors to keep their coffee grounds, lemon rinds, and leftover food separate from the trash bin by providing green food-waste bins.

After each game, a UW Recycling staff member consolidates the food waste from each location and the material is added to the regular campus food-waste collection route.

All of the food waste from campus diverted for composting is collected by Waste Management in a large compactor truck and hauled to Cedar Grove Composting.

At the Cedar Grove facility, the food waste is mixed with landscape debris, yard waste, and other food waste from the greater Seattle region and processed.

Approximately six weeks later, the result is compost. This material becomes food for plants and is a stable, nutrient-rich soil amendment.



*Food waste is collected for composting at Husky Stadium.*

## Convenience is key to recycling success

**T**his '06 football season, UW Recycling receives the offensive boost needed on game days with help from its Go Blue Recycle Crew.

At the first home game on September 2, a pack of dedicated Husky students helped launch a new program that further encourages recycling while tailgating.

Go Blue Recycle Crew provides blue recycling bags to Husky fans who tailgate but don't have a recycling toter near their party location. The bags can be filled with cardboard and empty bottles and cans. When the bags are full, fans secure them with a twist tie and place them next to a blue recycling toter in the parking lots. The bags are collected for recycling during game clean up.



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## Nothing fishy about this compost



*Once caught and processed, the fish carcasses are taken to Cedar Grove to be turned into compost.*

**W**hen a freezer in the Fisheries Department was undergoing repairs, UW Recycling was called for assistance with disposal of the annual salmon spawning fish waste.

Each year, more than 30,000 pounds of salmon spawn at the UW fish hatchery. Starting in late September and running into December, adult Chinook and Coho salmon return to the pond and are harvested for spawning.

As part of this annual activity, a program was started in 2005 to collect the fish for composting.

The process is simple. The fish eggs are harvested, and then staff at the School of Aquatic and Fisheries Sciences place the fish carcasses into carts lined with biodegradable bags.

The bags of fish are collected in conjunction with the UW's food waste route and taken to Cedar Grove Composting to be turned into nutrient-rich compost. What would otherwise go to the landfill is now going into the garden.

*You can learn more about the fish hatchery by going to their website at [www.fish.washington.edu/hatchery/education.html](http://www.fish.washington.edu/hatchery/education.html).*

### UW Recycling and UW Surplus win awards

Property & Transport Services is pleased to announce that two of its programs, UW Recycling and UW Surplus, have won awards. UW Recycling won the Washington State Recycling Association Recycler of the Year award for its Stop-Think-Recycle campaign. UW Surplus was a finalist in NWsource.com People's Picks Awards for most popular Salvage/Eco-friendly store.

### HuskyTron promotes recycling

For the past three years, UW Recycling has been allowed to use the HuskyTron to show public service announcements (PSAs) that encourage spectator participation in the Husky Stadium recycling program. If you can't make it to a game this season, check out the PSA at [www.uwrecycling.com](http://www.uwrecycling.com).

### America Recycles Day 2006

Mark your calendar now for America Recycles Day, November 15, 2006. Visit the website at [www.americarecyclesday.org](http://www.americarecyclesday.org) to pledge or renew your pledge to recycle.

### Reuse opportunity

The next surplus public store will be held on Oct 17 – [www.uwsurplus.com](http://www.uwsurplus.com).