

Mt. Baker Care Center

TOWARDS ZERO
WASTE PROFILE



Composting 480 gallons of organic waste every month!

Mt. Baker Care Center is committed to operating as sustainably as possible. Being an assisted living facility paired with a skilled nursing facility has presented additional challenges, but they have been successful in overcoming many of them. In the recent past, they have drastically reduced their energy consumption by installing energy efficient lighting and boilers. Most recently, they have taken significant steps to become a Toward Zero Waste facility.

They instituted Toward Zero Waste procedures concurrently with implementing a system of resident centered dining. Essentially, their kitchen now makes food to order instead of making a set amount of food per meal per person. This has reduced their food cost by 50% and drastically reduced their food waste. Every month they are able to divert 8 yards of cardboard, 480 gallons of organic waste, and 480 gallons of recycling from going into the landfill.

TZW Actions

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Waste Reduction & Recycling Efforts - 2017

- **Instituted food composting in the dining area and the cooking process**
- **Switched to cloth napkins**
- **Switched to compostable items when a single use is necessary**
- **Started serving beverages in pitchers on a per request basis**
- **Purchased reusable cups for use in delivering medications**



Sustainable Connections Toward Zero Waste campaign has enlisted the partnership of local governments and over 450 local businesses that have made significant commitments to reduce waste. With these businesses' leadership, we aim to reduce the amount of waste going to the landfill, increase reuse and recycling of existing resources, and increase purchasing of recycled and environmentally preferable products. Together, we are moving this community Toward Zero Waste! For more details about how your business can participate, visit SustainableConnections.org.



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