



The Rocket® composter at Rippowam Cisqua School

Treating all food waste onsite – educating while saving money (\$)

- Rippowam Cisqua School (RCS) students started separating organics - food waste at the dining hall (post-consumer) in 2011. The idea behind this initiative was to help students see first-hand that food waste could be sent to an offsite composting facility creating compost which nutrients could be put back into the soil, closing the loop. RCS found a hauler company, which was able to transport the food waste to an offsite composting facility.
- Soon, hauling costs to transport the food waste to the offsite composting facility were becoming too expensive therefore RCS decided to buy a Rocket® composter.
- The school was interested in doing the right thing treating food waste onsite and using the Rocket® composter as a learning tool as well.
- RCS students are scraping the food from their plates into waste bins, feeding the food waste and wood chips into the Rocket® composter.
- RCS students are able to experience how simple is to compost onsite, but most important is the significant impact of diverting food waste from landfill, using the compost from their lunch and breakfast leftovers to produce rich soil which is used in the school gardens.
- The school is saving approximately \$2,000 a month on hauling costs.

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