

Garlic Town Waste Amounts - Discoveries, Victories, Goals

2021-2025

Year at Garlic Town	Attendance	Compostable Food/Paper*	Recycling*	Number of Returnable	Plastic Film	Trash Burned or Buried	Total Waste Created	# of Burned or Buried Per Capita
2021	6000	700 1800	780	few Diverted %	0 53.6%	1,280 46.4%	2,760	0.21
2022	7500	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	300 est.	0	UNKNOWN		
2023	7200	1800 est	780	500 est.	0	1,220	3,810	0.17
2024	6500	2,988	700	789	3.5 XL Bags	920	4,673	0.14
Increase/Decrease %**		66%	-10%	58%	100%	-33%		-33.00%
				25 lbs	c. 40 lbs.			
2025`	6700	2500	460	1384	3.5 XL Bags	420	3,450	0.06
Increase/Decrease %**		-16%	-34%	75%	=	-54%		
				45 lbs	c. 40 lbs.		ounces>	1.00

Notes: * Most figures from Cassella's and are in pounds. Returnables are number of items
 ** in relation to most recent record or estimate

Summary	Waste Diverted		Incinerated or Landfilled		Total Waste	
2021	Diverted	1480		1,280		2,760
	Percent	54%		46%		100%
2024	Diverted	3,758	Incinerated	920	total Waste	4,673
	Percent	80.4%		19.7%		100%
2025	Diverted	3020	Landfilled	420	total Waste	3450
	Percent	87.5%		12.2%		100%

2025 Notes:

The amount of waste that became garbage was reduced by 54% from the previous year.

Nearly 88% of the waste created at Garlic Town was diverted!

We reduced trash buried from from 46% in 2021 to 12% in 2025!!! or 1 ounce per person!

We procesed lots more waste from Vendors.

None of the waste at Garlic Town 2025 was incinerated.

We increased the number of returnables by 75%.

Last year, cardboard soaked with rain raised compost and total amounts.

Vendors were very happy to cooperate with trash pick up throughout the day,

Some vendors noted the increased cost of compostables and apprciated rebates. None were upset,

We sorted Vendor trash throughout the day and particularly from 2 until 7

Marsh and 3 helpers were picking up, returning tables and chairs. Collecting film and returnables until 9

Returnables need to be drained. Penalty at Recycling center. Slimy.

Plastic film needs to be free of food residue. We need to save clean film only.

Signage on stations, informing Vendors of station locations, and increased number of stations was a bog boost,

Trash we collected from vendors during the day was all mixed and a lot of work to sort .

Increaed compostables was great, but a lot of sorting was still requird as lots of non-compostables appeared.

Joe Magwire and his family worked fast and long to get compost into truck, and other waste across the street.

2024 Take-Aways:

- Phenomenal work by runners and sorters increased our diversion of compostables this year from about 1800 pounds (estimate) to nearly 3000 pounds.
- We diverted more than 80 percent of the total waste produced in contrast to 54% in 2021.
- We had a 58% increase in returnable cans.
- First time, we captured 3 1/2 huge bags of plastic film out of trash
- All of this created a 33% decrease in trash this year in spite of the large amount of Vendor trash dumped in barrels and brought in at the very end. This included a lot of guest trash collected by vendors at their trucks.
- The 15 Compost bins were only about half what we needed so we used bags and haulrf them around. VERY heavy.
- The big push from 3 'til 6 PM to sort vendor trash was a key factor.

Concerns/Goals from 2024:

- Eliminate non-compostables from guest waste
 - Reduce mixed compost and other waste from vendors and exit
 - Manage Vendor Waste: Visit on arrival, regular pick ups through day
 - Inspire guests and vendors re: Why we work so hard to reduce trash: banners, flyers, educators
 - Improve Guest Convenience: signage at station and throughout site
 - Honor limits of volunteers (i.e. unwillingness to sort through food waste, physical stamina...)
 - Making different roles: Station Collectors, Runners/Sorters, Full Focus Sorters, Educators
 - Continue and increase reduction of Waste: Reduce, Compost, Recycle
 - Educate vendors, incentives and compliance process
- Remember: everything we cannot divert is burned into toxic gasses and ash

Distribution of Types of Waste	Compostable Food/Pap ^r *	Recycling*	Trash Burned or Buried	Total Waste
2021	700	780	1,280	2,760
% of Total	25%	28%	46%	
2023	1800	700	1,220	3,810
% of Total	47%	18%	32%	
2024	2,988	700	920	4,673
% of Total	64%	15%	20%	
2025	2500	460	420	3,450
% of Total	72%	13%	12%	

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Food Truck Waste Amounts - Discoveries, Victories, Goals

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Year at Food Truck	Attendance***	Compostable Food/Paper*	Recycling*	Number of Returnable	Plastic Film	Trash Burned or Buried	Total Waste Created	# of Burned or Buried Per Capita
2025`	7000	1090	270	350	1 XL Bags	625	2,007	0.09
		54%	13%	0.00	0.00	31%	ounces>	1.43

Notes: * Most figures from Cassella's and are in pounds. Returnables are number of items
 ** in relation to most recent record or estimate
 *** Organizewr's best guess. There is no system for counting.

Summary	Waste Diverted		Incinerated or Landfilled		Total Waste	
Increase/Decrease %**	Percent	First time	Percent	First time	Percent	100%
2025	Diverted	1382	Landfilled	625	total Waste	2007
	Percent	68.9%		31.1%		100%

Distribution of Types of Waste	Compostable Food/SW*	Recycling*	Trash Burned or Buried	Total Waste
2025	1090	270	625	2,007
% of Total	54%	13%	31%	100%

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2025`	7000	1090	270	350	1 XL Bags	625	2,007	0.29