

Ohio State Food Waste Collaborative



Purpose

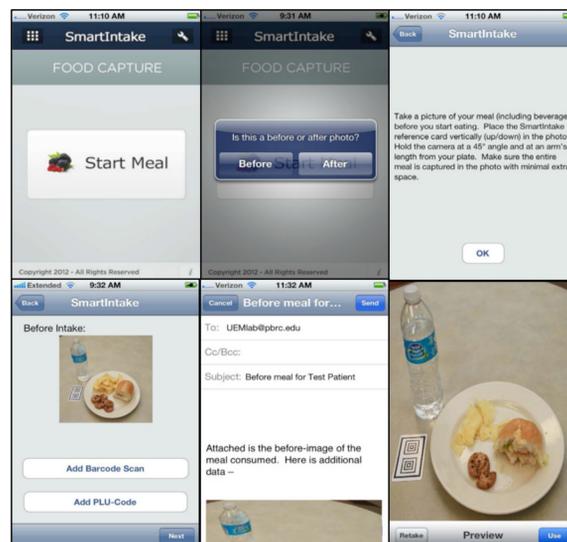
The Ohio State Food Waste Collaborative is a collection of researchers, practitioners, and students working together to promote the reduction and redirection of food waste as an integral part of a healthy and sustainable food system. In addition to conducting research, the Collaborative currently offers consultation on implementation and evaluation of projects focused on food waste reduction and redirection efforts at the consumer and household level within Ohio State University and across the state of Ohio.

Impact

Held Harnessing Consumers and Communities to Help Meet U.S. Food Waste Reduction Goals, a conference, webinar and networking event on August 26, 2016. 85 attended via the webinar while 85 people registered as in-person participants or speakers for a total of 170 registrants.

Provided consults and connections for more than 20 entities (some individuals, some groups) both on campus and from the broader community as follow up from the Networking Event with plans to reach out and follow up with others attending the event who listed possible collaborative possibilities.

Helped support the organization and staffing of a composting pilot project in Scott House, Blackburn and Haverfield residence halls on OSU. This project employs 3 OSU students and involves several additional student volunteers working in close consultation with residence hall, housekeeping and FOD staff.



Screen shots of the SmartIntake® app being used to capture pre-meal food selection (bottom left) and post-meal plate waste (bottom right) images.

Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved

College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (Agricultural, Environmental and Development Economics & Agricultural Communications)
College of Engineering (City and Regional Planning)
OSU Facilities Operations and Development
Initiative for Food and Agricultural Transformation (InFACT) Discovery Theme
OSU Sustainability Fund
Food Innovation Center
Sustainable and Resilient Economy (SRE) Discovery Theme
SUSTAINS Learning Community
Scott House, Blackburn and Haverfield residence halls

Community Partners Involved

Resources 100 LTD
Ohio EPA
Pennington Biomedical Research Center

How you can get involved:

- Attend the next Food Waste Collaborative Knowledge and Networking Event on Friday, September 15 at the Nationwide 4-H Center in Columbus
- Send us an email at foodwaste@osu.edu to participate in the next campus food waste audit, suggest a campus or community food waste project, or receive our newsletter

To get involved, contact:

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