



Summary of Green Efforts – 2009 NFL Experience

Concessions by Cox and Catering by Cox

Composting of Inedible Food Waste

All food prepared yet uneaten, such as scraps, rinds and etc. were diverted to a local composting facility. Approximately 8 tons of food waste was re-routed from a landfill to Learning Gate Charter School to be added to their award-winning organic garden. Our food-waste will not only be used in the organic garden but will also be used as a tool to help “teach the future stewards of our planet effective ways to live green in their daily lives”. Learning Gate sits on 30 acres of pristine woodlands and ponds of Lutz, Florida (Hillsborough County), just north of Tampa. Approximately 8,000 pounds of food waste were collected throughout the event at our four kitchen sites. Contamination was almost nonexistent as the only contamination came from biodegradable service ware items.



Donation of Edible Food

1,600 pounds of edible food were donated to Second Harvest of Tampa throughout the span of the NFL Experience. Second Harvest is the nation’s leading domestic hunger-relief charity providing food assistance to more than 25 million low-income people including more than 9 million children and nearly 3 million seniors.

Compostable Products

Cox’s concessions and catering operations incorporated biodegradable products into all of their food and beverage services for the 2009 NFL Experience. Every food item was served on/with biodegradable service ware items such as plates, forks, napkins, bowls, straws and etc. Approximately 102,716 service ware items were purchased and distributed throughout the 2009 NFL experience. These biodegradable items typically last 45-60 days (under the proper conditions) while a representative service ware item will characteristically break down anywhere between 70-450 years, and yet some will *never* decompose.

Bio-fuel Recycling

Roughly 300 gallons of used frying oil was donated to Griffin Industries and recycled into “yellow grease”. Yellow grease is a grease compound that is actually more environmentally friendly than bio-fuel; nothing from this conversion goes to waste. Yellow grease can be used in a number of industrial processes including poultry feed, boiler fuel and in some applications bio-fuel. Griffin Industries is a leader in environmentally friendly rendering of animal and food by-products since 1943. Everything Griffin produces can be considered “renewable”.