



Earth Fair 2008... A Resource Management Success!

Congratulations and thank you to all that helped make Zero Waste San Diego's Earth Fair efforts a winner. Sure, it wasn't exactly a walk in that park, sifting through all those sometimes slimy and slippery discarded resources, but our volunteers were troopers and we rerouted some impressive numbers of items otherwise headed to a stinky hole in the ground.

More than 100 popsicle sticks were spared this fate and are currently enjoying the company of bazillions of microbes at the City of San Diego's Greenery compost facility. Ditto for more than 1,300 pounds of discarded food, including a perfectly good non-eaten turkey bacon and avocado sandwich! Lucky for that sandwich none of us pickers and sorters were hungry.

Those 1,300 pounds of food scraps and soiled paper were prevented from creating muck and methane in the landfill, and the compost created from them will soon be improving the health of plants growing in San Diego County.



With your help, we also saved thousands of beverage containers and mixed paper, about two tons of the stuff, or the average weight of an adult male hippo in case you were wondering.

While we didn't get to 100%, we learned a lot from the process and will be better equipped to strive for that next year. Lots of good comments came in, lots of hard work was done, and lots of volunteers showed they truly care about and understand the benefits of resource management.

Our partners and sponsors care too, and we owe them a big blue bin full of thanks. The Allan Company, San Diego Parks and Recreation Department, Urban Corps of San Diego, San Diego Environmental Services Department, EDCO, Allied Waste Systems, Cactus Recycling, U'SAgain, San Diego EarthWorks, and Recycle San Diego all came through to support our efforts. *Thank you.*