7 Steps of Creating a Food Waste Program

1. Determine high food waste generation locations. (Consider) Choosing location to launch a pilot food waste program
2. Determine a food waste vendor that can handle/collect the volume of food waste material.
3. Look for food reduction and food donation opportunities for each location.
4. Determine if program is pre-consumer, post-consumer or both.
5. Work with the dining location’s management for the collection bins with signs both inside and outside of the location, and for staff training.
6. Recommend waste audit after 6 months and report the data back to the location.
7. Report diversion information back to the location.

Benefits of a Food Waste Program:
- Increase diversion rate-minimizing waste to landfill
- Cleaner recycling stream
- Possible waste hauling savings
- Increased educational opportunity for staff and guests
- Energy conversion
- More efficient use of resources
- Less GHG emission