

# Food Recovery at UT Arlington

COG workshop October 21, 2015



# Why make compost at UTA?



**We produce  
compostable waste**



# Getting Started

## UTA Environmental Health & Safety Recycling Committee

### ARLINGTON CONSERVATION COUNCIL

# POSTOAK

WORKING TO CONSERVE ARLINGTON'S NATURAL RESOURCES  
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**Note:  
Special meeting place  
and time.  
See below.**

[www.arlingtonconservationcouncil.org](http://www.arlingtonconservationcouncil.org)

**June Meeting  
Another Field Trip!  
Tierra Verde Environmental Tour  
Mark Claburn,  
Director of Superintendents**

**Wednesday, June 13 6:00 pm  
Tierra Verde Golf Club  
7005 Golf Club Dr, Arlington 76001  
(See map at ACC Web site)**



Join us for a behind-the-scenes look at Arlington's greenest golf course and learn what makes it special from one of its stewards.

Tour carts will depart promptly at 6:00 and will return around 7:30, so please arrive early. We will meet on the back porch next to Ventana Grille.

Directions: Take Hwy 287 south, exit Eden Rd, go west to the Tierra Verde sign, then turn south.

### Bits & Pieces

#### Oooh, Snakes!

Back on May 8 the Star-Telegram got us all exercised about an increase in venomous snakes following the spring rains. Well, here's an antidote from the UTA Herpetology Web site: ...more people in the United States die from vending machines falling over on them (after being shaken), being struck by lightning, or due to an allergic reaction from an insect sting.



#### Today's Inspirational Moment



*Always carry a flask of whiskey in case of snakebite and furthermore always carry a small snake.*  
W. C. Fields

(Disclaimer: This is very bad advice. - Editor)

#### Guilt by Association

We'll probably (and rarely) see only two venomous snake species in Arlington, almost entirely in our parks — copperheads and water moccasins (above). So what are we killing needlessly? In wet places, lots of nonvenomous snakes like the Broad-banded water snake, which can be aggressive and is basically not pretty.



#### Not to Mention...



Any other big scary snake, like the Rat snake. The irony is that virtually all of our snakes eat things that cause real damage — rats and mice. Just remember: The great majority of victims are bitten while messing with the snake. Such an easy group to avoid.



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# How does UTA compost work?





**10:00 – 12:00:**

**Do odd jobs**

**Catch up with yesterday**

**Turn piles**

**Screen compost**

**Deliver compost to community garden**



**1:00 – about 2:45**

**Pick up kitchen waste and coffee grounds**

**about 2:45 – 5:00**

**Weigh everything**

**Add everything to windrow**

**Cover with leaves**

**Do odd jobs**







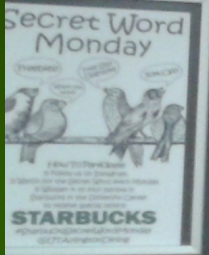






# STARBUCKS COFFEE

Secret Word  
Monday



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COFFEE

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Chipotle

MEXICAN GRILL









Date

Temperatures

CG9  
 E \_\_\_\_\_ Windrow  
 S \_\_\_\_\_ 10/15  
 W \_\_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ W \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ S \_\_\_\_\_

CG10  
 E \_\_\_\_\_ Windrow  
 S \_\_\_\_\_ 06/16  
 W \_\_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ W \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ S \_\_\_\_\_

Windrow  
 10/03/14 (grass)  
 + W11/04/14  
 N \_\_\_\_\_  
 W \_\_\_\_\_  
 S \_\_\_\_\_

Feedstock

Subway \_\_\_\_\_ lbs  
 UTA produce \_\_\_\_\_ lbs  
 Einstein Bros coffee \_\_\_\_\_ lbs  
*Subtract 4 lbs*  
 Connections Café \_\_\_\_\_ lbs  
*Subtract 4 lbs*  
 UTA Catering coffee \_\_\_\_\_ lbs  
*Subtract 4 lbs*  
 UTA Starbucks \_\_\_\_\_ lbs  
*Subtract 4 lbs*  
 UTA Library \_\_\_\_\_ lbs  
*Subtract 4 lbs*  
 Cooper Starbucks \_\_\_\_\_ lbs  
*Subtract 4 lbs*  
 Tin Cup \_\_\_\_\_ lbs  
 Bookstore Starbucks \_\_\_\_\_





























# On-campus Outreach:

- UTA Big Event
- Super Saturday
- Talks & Tours for  
Biology & Sustainability classes

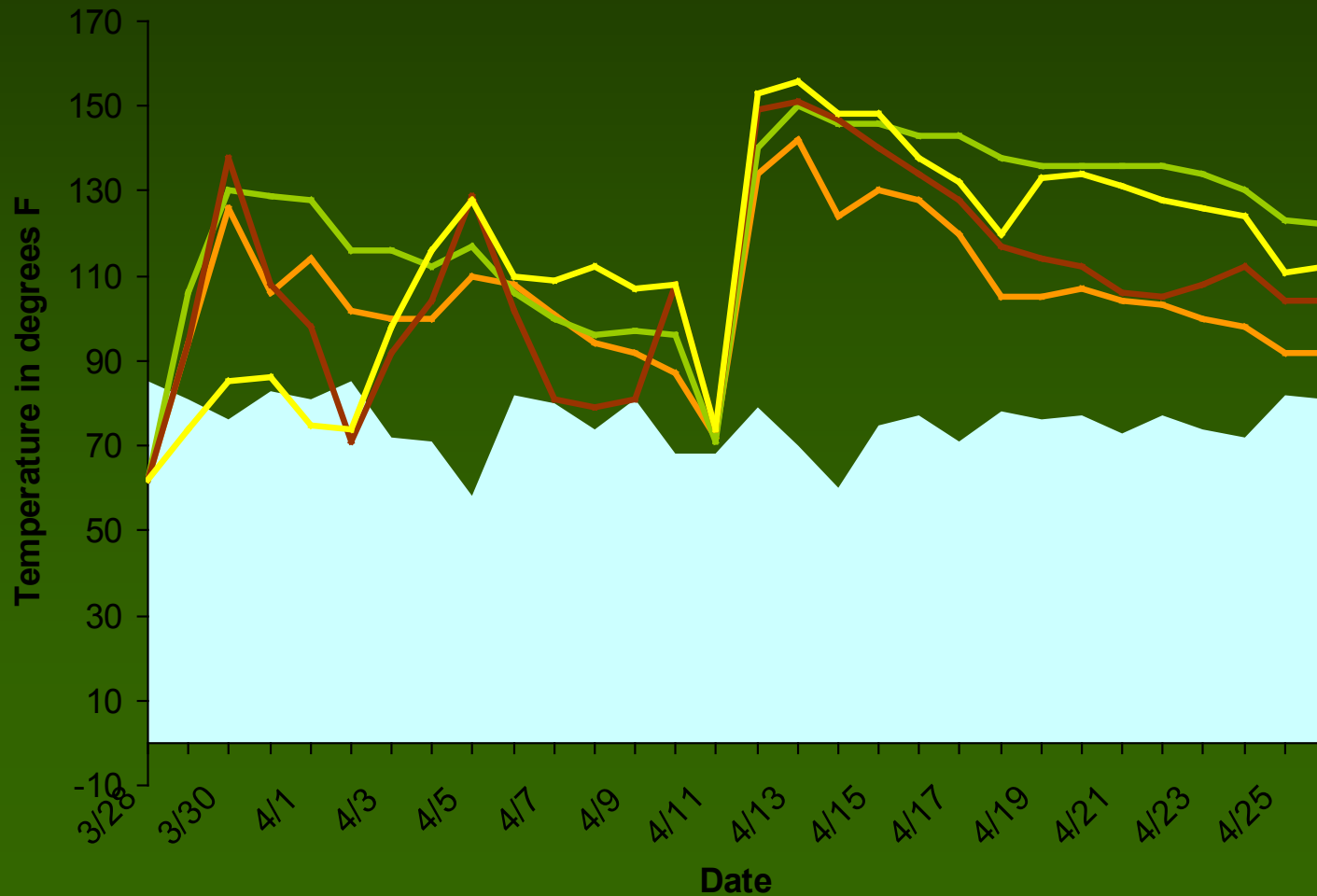






# 2015 Compost Class Pile Temperatures

Air South Almost south Almost north North



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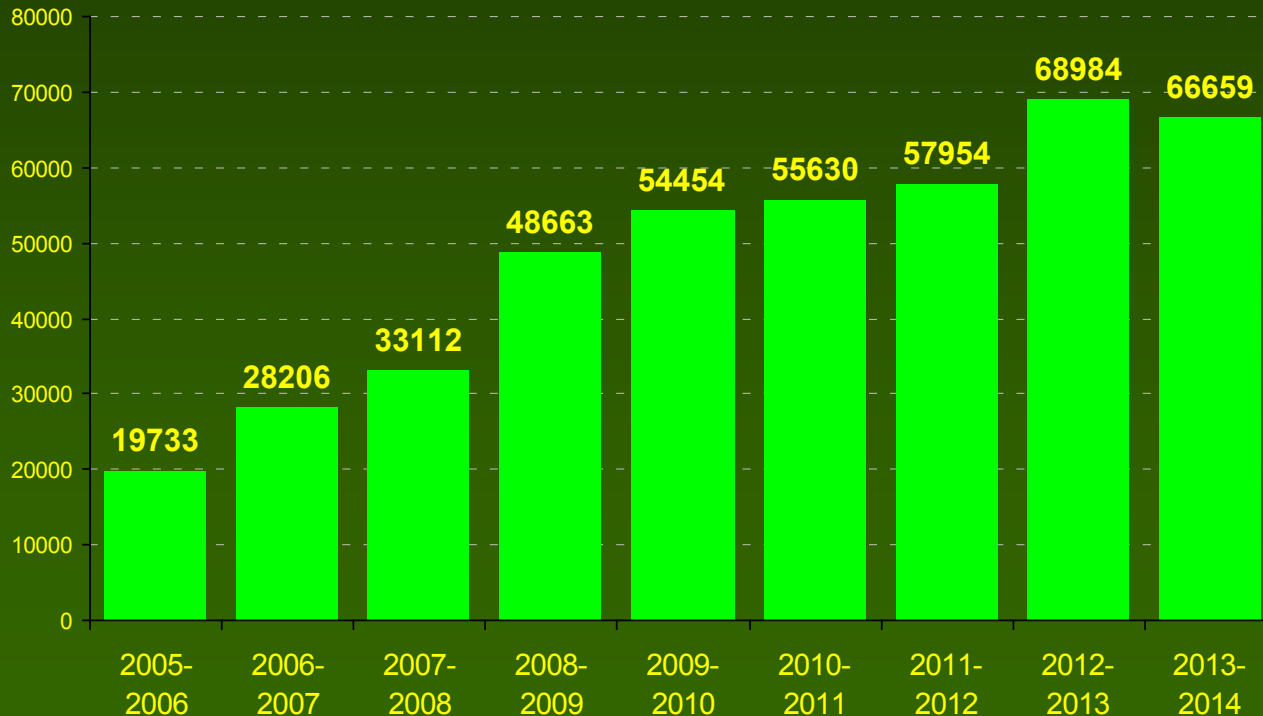
- Annual Master Composter Class
- School groups
- Others





# Food waste and coffee grounds diverted from landfill:

**433,395 pounds = 216 tons**



**Pavement Man**

**Chem-Lawn Man**

**Composter Man**

