



# [ MONARCH DINING ]



## HOW HAS MONARCH DINING GONE GREEN?

### CAMPUS AWARENESS:

- ◆ 1 of 500+ schools participating in the **2009 RecycleMania** competition, which collects:
  - ◆ Cardboard
  - ◆ Paper
  - ◆ Plastic
  - ◆ And many other recyclable materials
- ◆ Display **posters** to remind students to be environmentally friendly
- ◆ Promote the Clean Plate campaign to **increase awareness** of food waste on campus in hopes of reducing food waste in the all-you-care-to-eat dining facilities
- ◆ Involve campus community with the planting of vegetable **gardens**
- ◆ Participate at **"Earth Day in Webb Center"**
- ◆ Dining Services is part of the Student Affairs' **Go Green committee**

### ENERGY & WATER CONSERVATION:

- ◆ Dining facilities have gone **tray-less**:
  - ◆ Save almost **500 gallons** of water annually
  - ◆ Save energy and **reduce our dependence** on non-renewable fossil fuels
- ◆ Replace incandescent light bulbs with **low energy, fluorescent bulbs** where applicable

### WASTE MANAGEMENT:

- ◆ **Recycling bins** located at several dining locations
- ◆ Sell **"Drink to the Earth" mugs** to campus community for the re-usable refill mug program for fountain beverages and coffee at retail dining locations on campus (mugs are made of 77% pre-consumer recycled material)
- ◆ Recycle used **cooking oil for biodiesel** production through the Greener Oil Co.
- ◆ Use **biodegradable**, corn-based cups for catering
- ◆ Use **recyclable** to-go cups and containers at residential dining facilities and retail locations
- ◆ Expend perishables during winter & spring breaks and the close of spring semester by **preparing food for 400 homeless people**
- ◆ **AquaMark@LX** water filtration systems will be used at dining locations:
  - ◆ System **eliminates bottles, jugs, and delivery fuel**
  - ◆ **Reduces energy consumption** when idle
- ◆ Transition from disposable to-go containers to **reusable to-go containers** at Rogers Café
  - ◆ Containers are washed and reused **decreasing the amount of waste** significantly



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### EARTH-FRIENDLY MATERIAL:

- ◆ **EXPRESS** uses the following “**Earth-friendly**” material (when available):
  - ◆ Hot coffee and tea cups made from **renewable resources**, which are certified by the Biodegradable Products Institute
  - ◆ **Renewable** birch stir sticks
  - ◆ **Compostable** cutlery
  - ◆ Unbleached brown napkins made from **100% recycled content**
  - ◆ **Earth Plus** all-purpose cleaner

### SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY:

- ◆ **Donate canned goods** to The Food Bank of Southeastern Virginia and **Peanut Butter and Jelly sandwiches** to the Union Mission
- ◆ Participate in a Food Bank of Southeastern Virginia drive, which raised **1,237 pounds of food** equaling **989 meals**

### LOCAL PURCHASING:

- ◆ **Reduce** the biggest, fastest-growing source of greenhouse gas emissions worldwide - **food transportation**
  - ◆ **95%** of dairy products are purchased **in-state**
  - ◆ **EXPRESS** carries a selection of **locally grown, locally purchased** food items

### CERTIFIED PRODUCTS:

- ◆ Starbucks buys and sells **Fair Trade Certified™ coffee**, which commits to purchasing coffee in an **ethical and sustainable manner**
- ◆ Dining locations sell **Lipton's, Rainforest Alliance Certified™ tea**:
  - ◆ Works to **conserve biodiversity** and **ensure sustainable livelihoods**
  - ◆ **Helps future generations** to survive and prosper
  - ◆ **Encompasses responsibilities** including good water conservation, soil management, natural resource protection, and safeguarding wildlife

