

# Sustany Foundation Catch the Buzz

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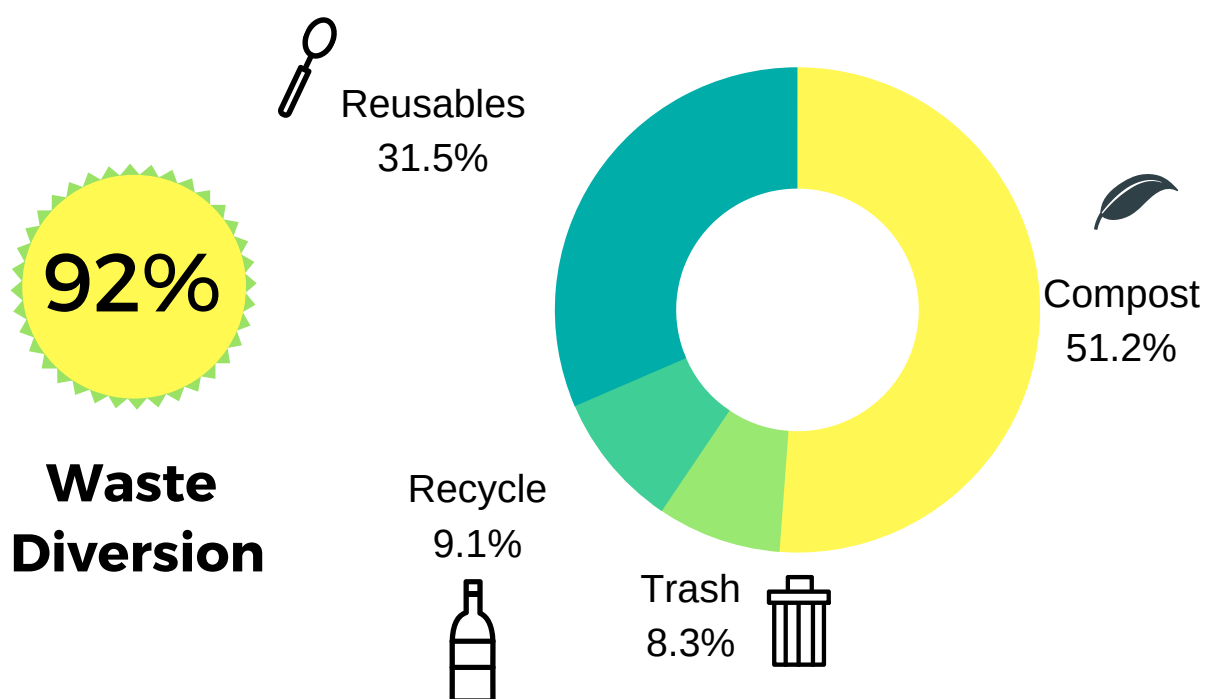
Congratulations on your zero waste certification! Suncoast Compost applauds the Sustany Foundation for leading by example and owning their waste. We really enjoyed all of the wonderful, educational conversations with all of the guests. What a great event! There are so many successes to report from the day, and very few challenges. Thank you for sharing this special event with us.

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## Your Waste Characterization

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\*Waste calculated by weight



## Successes

- Partnering with Auburn Supply group for compostable wares ensured that vendors had zero excuses to join the zero waste wave.
- Wonderful discussions with very happy guests. We received lots of "thank yous" and "we're so happy you're heres".
- Using reusable cups was a huge source of waste reduction.
- Reusable water bottles, water refilling stations
- Vendors using condiment dispensers, rather than individual packets.
- Vendors were very open to making switches throughout the night, as needed. For example, a couple beverage vendors pulled out plastic sample cups rather than using the reusable cups. When we provided them with small compostable sample cups, they happily used those instead.
- Guests had virtually zero trash. The largest source of trash came from vendors at the end of the night.
- Some great pop-up vendors that reflected the values of the foundation: Sunshine Straw Co., Blue Sage Eco Boutique, BioDoggradable compostable bags, Sewn Apart
- Reusable sign frames
- Reusable table cloths
- Trashy Fashion Show encouraged people to think creatively about their trash.



## Challenges

There were very few challenges. All of the hard work and planning paid off!

- Gateau O Chocolate vendor had two liners that were trash.
- Blind Tiger put stickers on cups- but we switched them out with some new cups after explaining stickers were not compostable.
- Most of the trash weight was soiled aluminum foil dishes.
- Glass wine bottles and glass beer bottles leftover from vendors are not good recyclables, and there was a lot of it.



**Almost 200 lbs  
of compost**

## Suggestions for next time

- Consider asking beer vendors to bring cans or kegs instead of glass bottles. Glass is a dying recyclable for many reasons.
- Ask food vendors to only bring reusable trays/dishes. Aluminum foil dishes can not be recycled once food contaminated.
- Many guests did this, but encourage more guests to reuse their compostable plate. Ask vendors to not plate up all of the food at once, but serve as people come to them so they can reuse their plate.