

SCC, McDonald's partner to use recycled coffee in gardens

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Scottsdale McDonald's Manager Rebecca Ann Meddock and Scottsdale Community College Garden President Gary Raymond and wife Betty Ann pick up coffee grounds for college community garden.

The Scottsdale McDonald's restaurant at Indian Bend and Loop 101 is partnering with Scottsdale Community College Garden Club in a new coffee grounds recycling initiative.

The initiative is part of McDonald's "Good Neighbor Good Grounds" recycling program, designed to divert used coffee grounds from the waste stream by promoting the reuse of coffee grounds to add nutrients to soil or compost.

McDonald's restaurants throughout Arizona are teaming up with schools and colleges statewide to recycle their used coffee grounds and help their gardens grow, stated a press release.

According to Scottsdale McDonald's owner Jerry Wernau, 100 schools with the Arizona Dept. of Education School Garden Program and three Maricopa County Community Colleges — Scottsdale, Mesa and Rio Salado — have signed up and are starting to utilize their local McDonald's coffee grounds in their gardens and composts.

Mr. Wernau stated that Arizona restaurants participating in the coffee grounds recycling program expect to divert thousands of pounds of waste from going into the waste stream. He estimates that 10,000 pounds of waste per year from his restaurant may be saved.

"Our McDonald's restaurants serve a lot of coffee," stated Mr. Wernau in the release. "The opportunity to partner with schools in our communities to reduce our coffee grounds waste is a win for everyone. Concern for the environment is important to us as well as our customers. We practice responsible coffee sourcing. The majority of our certified coffee purchases are from Rainforest Alliance Certified farms, including

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