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Food for Life Halton & Hamilton is the regional leader in rescuing and distributing fresh and frozen food. We support the community by providing healthy food to a network of non-profits and partners who offer food support programs. Food for Life is a thought leader in the space, built on a unique supply chain model that's driven by environmental sustainability.

How we got into this **wonderful** mess!

- Rescue more than four million lbs of food each year
- Approximately 10% is inedible
- Have a large amount of cardboard including waxed and soiled
- Tipping fees keep going up
- Inspire the Community
- Unique positioning opportunity



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And a funder believed in our dream!

- \$100,000 investment for the project
- Friendly contractor for concrete pad and electrical
- Worked with BROME out of Quebec
- 605 Unit (6ft d. by 16ft l.) with Patz 400 mixer



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So it begins...

- Installed mid-December 2019
- Kicked off first batch January 9
- Secure facility, fencing and locks
- Industrial area border on residential
- Food waste and cardboard



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Lots of learnings

- Mixers are tall!
- Can't hurry love...
- Hope floats and so does cardboard
- Mega sized Nutri-Ninja
- Winter start ups need a little TLC, and a heater



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Have a little help from friends

- Takes about 3 people minimum to run a load
- Run 2 loads a week
- Lots of experts to help
- Close community of sharing
- Lots of courses



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Sweet smell of success

- Processing about 3000 lbs of food waste and cardboard a week
- Let it flow...let it flow...dealing with what we don't know.....
- Now on full auto-rotation
- 60 degrees in pile, up to 100 ambient
- Sift in time saves avacados



Future so bright...

- Working with United Way on social enterprise readiness
- Are building a compost working group
- Submitting a proposal for additional social enterprise funding
- Working with Compost Council to help grow engagement with food security organizations
- Lots more to come...

