

# Every day sustainability at UMaine Dining

## Facilities, food safety and storage

- Sustainable food storage techniques
- Tray-free dining at dining halls
- Travel mugs encouraged for to-go drinks at dining halls and the Bear's Den
- Retail to-go containers from WorldCentric at retail locations
- Hilltop Dining uses a pulper to assist in creating compost donation
- 100% of staff are trained in green chemical use and ServSafe



## Green building

Wells Commons is home to Wells Central dining hall and Wells Conference Center and is a silver LEED-certified building — one of five LEED-certified buildings on the UMaine campus.



## Local food commitment: 25% by 2025

Locally-sourced is defined as food produced or harvested within 175 miles of the University of Maine System's seven primary campuses.

Local food is used as ingredients in recipes, at salad bars and wherever possible across campus dining locations.

In fact, local food is often the star of a special dining hall meal. Catering offers a fully local menu as well.

# Collaborations and education

## Campus sustainability collaborator

From holding zero-waste events to participating in campus composting and recycling efforts. Specifically, UMaine Dining collaborates with the Green Campus Initiative and the Office of Sustainability.



## Food recovery support

Leftover food from the three all-you-care-to-eat dining halls is recovered weekly for the Black Bear Exchange, a campus food bank for students, faculty and staff. Instead of the food being thrown out, it's repackaged safely for people in need.



## Education

UMaine Dining consistently educates the campus community about living a more sustainable and healthy life. Look for special menu tags, special events showcasing local foods and healthy choices and join us in celebrating a greener life.



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