



Roll Off Service Helps Elite Spice Meet Sustainability Targets

A Composting Success Story

Elite Spice is an industry leading spice importer and custom manufacturer offering an extensive line of spices, seasonings and specialty food ingredients. American owned and operated, Elite Spice prioritizes food safety, exceptional quality, experienced technical support and outstanding customer service.

In 2019, the Elite Spice team evaluated their procedures and identified areas for improvement in terms of sustainability and reducing the business' carbon footprint.

According to Elite Spice, the company's foundation "is built on family values and the commitment to ensure safe, responsibly sourced and sustainably processed products in a manner that protects our employees, the community and the environment, now and for future generations." With these priorities in place, composting was identified as a clear choice for minimizing the organization's environmental impact.

The Opportunity

Elite Spice produces more than 580 tons of spice waste annually between two manufacturing facilities in Maryland. During their production processes, spice waste is generated as a by-product of Elite's custom spice cleaning and milling systems.

This equipment is designed to remove extraneous materials that are lighter or heavier than the spice being processed.

This specialty cleaning equipment is highly sensitive in order to remove foreign materials, therefore it also removes a small percentage of usable spice. The discarded extraneous materials and spice waste are collected from all of Elite's milling lines and dumped in the compost bin. Prior to composting with Compost Crew, these discards were being disposed of with the rest of the company's general trash.

Quick Summary

- ❑ **Elite Spice has diverted nearly 580 tons to a composting facility since 2021**
- ❑ **Large quantities of organic waste make Elite Spice a perfect candidate for Roll Off service**
- ❑ **Composting has noticeably reduced the amount of landfill pick-ups required by Elite Spice, while also contributing toward the organization's sustainability goals**

When the Elite Spice Sustainability Task Force began looking into options for composting, due to the large quantity of organic waste being produced at the Elite Spice facilities, it was clear that the individual 64 gallon compost bins commonly used on a commercial scale were impractical due to the frequency of pick-ups that would have been required. With this in mind, Elite Spice became the first commercial customer to utilize Compost Crew's new Roll Off services.

The Roll Out

Elite Spice was contacted by Compost Crew's sales team, who worked with the Elite Spice Sustainability Task Force to find the solution that would make the largest impact.

Elite Spice started diverting spice waste from the landfill with Compost Crew in May 2021. The spice waste composting program was rolled out initially at Elite's headquarters in one of the milling rooms, before it was implemented in all production rooms and Elite's other manufacturing facility.

After the operators became more comfortable with the procedure of separating waste spice from general waste, the program took off.

Elite's warehouses have found different ways to collect spice waste and transfer it into the new open top dumpsters provided by Compost Crew. One facility collects material in super sacks and releases them in the open top weekly. The other facility has purchased self-dumping hoppers, where spice waste is collected and dumped into the open top over the course of the week until ready for pick-up. Elite Spice utilizes an "on call" service option for their pickup, which allows their team to let Compost Crew know when the dumpsters are ready to be hauled away.



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The Results

Once each facility launched its composting processes, operators were trained on the difference between waste destined for the landfill versus organic waste that should be put in the Compost Crew open top.



“ *“Considering how easy the process was to start up and all the benefits associated, there is no reason not to compost organic materials! It is a great way to reduce your carbon footprint as a business and save a little money while you're at it.”*

- Amanda Slate, Sustainability Task Force Member

The separation and diversion of this waste was one of Elite's continuous improvement goals for 2021 and will remain a major part of the organization's sustainability initiatives for years to come.

According to the Elite Spice team, pickups for the general waste open top have been noticeably less frequent since partnering with Compost Crew. Since the inception of this program, Elite has diverted nearly 580 tons to a composting facility.

To learn more about Compost Crew's Roll Off service, and to determine if it might be the best choice for your organization, you can learn more at compostcrew.com/rolloff.