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Down To Earth Home, Garden and Gift might not seem like a likely candidate for a commercial compost collection. However, in the fall of 2013 its retail stores and distribution center signed up for the Love Food Not Waste (LFNW) program, fully committing to the company's sustainability policy.

Currently, all Down To Earth employees compost their food scraps at work. After participating in the program for six months, Down To Earth jumped at the chance to sell and distribute bags of LFNW compost back to the community when Rexius started bagging the product.

Now, Down To Earth is taking its participation one step further. Starting this week, Down To Earth will donate a portion of the proceeds of all LFNW compost sales to School Garden Project (SGP), a local nonprofit organization that helps Lane County schools create, sustain, and use on-site gardens by providing resources, professional consultation, and educational programming.

The School Garden Project currently teaches garden-based science lessons to more than 1,000 students each year in 11 Eugene schools in the 4J and Bethel School Districts. On-site vegetable gardens at each school, cared for by the students, serve as outdoor classrooms for standards-based science lessons.

Down To Earth sells the compost for \$4.49 per bag at its two retail locations in Eugene. For more information about this unique partnership, please contact Waste Prevention and Green Building Analyst Stephanie Scafa at 541-682-5652.

