

Round Rock Express

"As leaders in our community, we look to work with companies who are leaders in theirs, and we found that in TDS."

Chris Almendarez
President of Round Rock Express Baseball Club



In 2012, the Round Rock Express, a Minor League baseball team, made a commitment to becoming the greenest team in the league. Leadership took note of the growing waste stream and made the decision to seek a recycle and compost partner to help improve diversion from the landfill. As the only fully integrated provider in Central Texas, Texas Disposal Systems was a perfect fit.

From the beginning, TDS and Round Rock Express realized the key to the program's success would lie in the hands of stadium staff and baseball fans, so education was made a priority. We increased education efforts by creating custom signage for the stadium's Eco Stations, making it easier than ever for fans to determine which items go in the correct container. We also put an emphasis on training stadium staff so they could continue the diversion process behind the scenes and TDS team members attended games to answer questions from staff and fans. The Round Rock Express also played scoreboard videos and printed advertisements in their program outlining the recycle and compost program and encouraging fans to help divert waste from the landfill.

One of the most critical aspects of the diversion plan was working with the food and beverage vendors to control what types of products and packaging were sold in the stadium. RS3 replaced Styrofoam and plastic with compostable products and switched out individual condiment packets for condiment stations, limiting the amount of waste produced by fans. This migration occurred over the life of the partnership, implementing small changes each year.

Today, when you purchase a hot dog at a Round Rock Express game, the entire thing is compostable from the food and tray it's served in to the utensils. That food waste is taken to TDS and made into compost, which Round Rock Express uses in their herb and vegetable garden.

In our fifth year of partnership with the Round Rock Express, we've diverted nearly a million pounds of material from the landfill.