



### **How energy efficient is the BigBelly?**

BigBelly gets 100% of its energy from the sun. It uses less than 5 watts an hour per day. Driving a garbage truck for one mile is the equivalent energy of running a BigBelly for 8 yrs!

### **Why is the BigBelly solar powered?**

Solar power enables BigBelly to be placed virtually anywhere outdoors and is a clean renewable energy source that is good for the environment.

### **Does BigBelly require direct sunlight and will it work if it is not a sunny day?**

BigBelly does not require direct sunlight. As long as BigBelly's solar panel can "see" the sky it can operate. The battery stores 1000 compactions on a full charge.

### **What are the benefits of BigBelly?**

On site compaction reduces trash pickups by 80%, saving time, money and reducing greenhouse gas and other air pollutants.

### **Where are BigBellies currently being used?**

BigBellies are deployed across the US and in 10 countries around the world in cities and towns, parks and beaches, universities, zoo's & amusement parks, anywhere there are pedestrians!

### **Is BigBelly expensive?**

BigBelly is part of a trash collection system that saves, time, money and fuel. It delivers an impressive ROI with a payback of less than 1.5 yrs. In busy locations and significant ongoing savings.

### **How reliable is the BigBelly?**

A New York Case study found 99.8% up time in a heavy-use and demanding environment.

### **How does BigBelly know when to compact the garbage?**

BigBelly compacts automatically when its electronic eye tells it the trash has reached a target level.

### **What kind of maintenance does the BigBelly require?**

BigBelly is a very low maintenance system. Keep the unit clean and replace the battery every 3-5 years.

### **How do you clean a BigBelly?**

Power wash the unit inside and out (not including the top electronics compartment) as needed. Recommended cleaning agents are listed in the manual.

### **Is the BigBelly animal resistant?**

Yes. BigBelly's enclosed design keeps raccoons, squirrels, birds and other animals out of the trash. A bear resistant latch is an available option (and is also handicap accessible)

### **What are the safety features of the BigBelly?**

The trash collection hopper prevents hands from reaching into the compaction area. The unit is locked and will not operate when the front or top doors are open. The machine runs on a safe low voltage system.

### **Do I have to empty the BigBelly?**

Yes. The BigBelly holds five times the volume of a traditional trash can and will need to be emptied when the yellow or red indicator light is flashing.

### **Does the trash come out as dense as a brick?**

NO! Although BigBelly will compact trash to 20% of its normal size, the trash is not compacted into a brick and will not in any way inhibit sorting and recycling.

### **Does BigBelly have a public relations benefit?**

**Yes!** BigBelly is a practical and visible demonstration of green technology that gets the attention of the press and public. See "In the News" section of website for examples of the kind of coverage and attention that BigBelly receives

### **Is advertising available on the BigBelly?**

Yes. Advertising panels on the sides of the machine are an available option, as are vehicle wraps. Ad revenue can continue indefinitely, not only helping the ROI, but actually making the **BigBelly a GREEN revenue stream.**