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# The greening of trash

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It might not be the equivalent of a solar-powered sunlamp or a wind-powered ceiling fan, but the Brooklyn Navy Yard has just installed a solar-powered garbage can.

OK, it's not really a garbage can, it's a trash compactor, says its maker, Seahorse Power Company. But it certainly looks like a garbage can. And it is solar-powered.

"This is just one small part [of the effort] to reduce emissions and fuel consumption at the Navy Yard," said Andrew Kimball, the Park Slope resident who runs the city-owned industrial park.

The \$4,300 trash can, about the size of a non-powered mailbox, was installed at a ceremony (yes, a ceremony for a trash can!) on Tuesday. The "Big Belly Cordless Compaction System" is said to reduce trash volume by 70 percent and has already replaced conventional cans throughout Boston and Baltimore.

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