

# Successful Recycling at Your School



## Form a Green Team

*A group of students and faculty can motivate your community and lead an initiative toward better recycling.*

- Confirm recycling yes's & no's
- Collect data on recyclables and contaminants in the bin
- Design recycling posters
- Brainstorm various recycling and donation drives for non-curbside recycling opportunities

## Make Recycling a School-Wide Effort

*Recycling is easy, can help your school reduce trash disposal costs and conserve resources.*

Encourage all teachers and staff members to get on board by:

- Taking an inventory of recycling containers in classrooms, offices, lounges, etc.
- Saving cardboard boxes for students to decorate classroom recycling bins
- Developing waste-free lunch days in the cafeteria and teacher's lounge (Waste-free Wednesday, Trash-free Tuesday, etc.)
- Creating incentives for good recycling habits (e.g. free seating at lunch)

## Involve Custodial Staff from the Beginning

*They are major players in the success of your recycling program.*

Work with them on:

- Cafeteria collection stations (number of containers, placement and signage)
- Recycling bins in classrooms
- Cleanup during lunches
- Collection of dumpsters and cart placement



## Educate Your School

*When in doubt, ask for help!*

Have a County Recycling Coordinator visit your school to talk with students and staff about recycling.

Recycling happens everywhere! Contact a Coordinator for:

- Classroom & assembly presentations
- Lunchroom recycling help
- Staff meeting Q&As
- Recycling facility & Landfill tours



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