



Recycling/Waste School Waste Audit

Some schools have recycling programs and/or have made other changes to the way they handle garbage. Find out about all the kinds of waste your school generates by answering the following questions.

1. Start by finding out what kinds of waste is being collected in your school. Use this chart or create your own to represent the categories of waste collected in your school. Visit each room to find out what kinds of waste are collected there. Record the number of bags/containers of each per day. (You may have to ask the caretaker, or estimate based on your own experience)

Location e.g. office, classrooms, lunchrooms	Mixed Recyclables: Paper, metals, Cardboard, Glass, Plastic	Returnable Drink Containers	Food waste /compost	Hazardous Waste/other: batteries, paints, ink cartridges	Garbage
e.g. lunchroom	Blue bin is full each day		no	no	2 big bags

2. Describe what your school does to encourage conservation (reduce, reuse, recycle) e.g. Garbage free lunch days, garbage free hot lunches, reuse school supplies, book swaps, outdoor or vermi-compost (worms), lost and found collected, having a scrap paper box in your class (good one side paper) .

3. Are there other ways your school reduces waste? List some.