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

Need more recycling containers or have more collection concerns? Contact Office of Custodial Services, 410-313-2595

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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