

Refuse & Recycling News

Hey Kids...

...Do You Recycle at School?



The Benefits of Recycling

Whether you are a school administrator concerned about increasing solid waste disposal costs or a recycling conscientious student, you need to initiate a recycling program at your institution. Many wastes generated at educational institutions can be recycled.

Here are some steps in assessing your current program.

- ◆ Perform a waste assessment. Walk through the school noting what type of waste is discarded in each area. A walk-through will help you determine which types of containers are needed.
 - ◆ Based on the results of the waste assessment, set up appropriate recycling programs in each area.
 - ◆ Make sure that containers in all areas are well-marked, particularly those in public areas.
 - ◆ Inform teachers and students about proper recycling procedures.
 - ◆ Set up a log book to record the volume of recyclables leaving the premises.
 - ◆ Include recycling information in your orientation for new teachers and new students. Publicize by posting recycling information in the school newspaper, on a web page, through e-mail, in a school handbook, or during student orientation activities.
 - ◆ After policies have been established, explain the recycling program to your custodial staff.
 - ◆ Ask for assistance from your custodial staff in monitoring the program.
 - ◆ If appropriate, make sure that your grounds crew knows to keep yard waste separate from other waste.
 - ◆ Ask your waste hauler for advice about keeping recyclables and wet waste separate.
 - ◆ Remind teachers and students to keep food waste out of recycling containers and trash. Food waste should be handled separately from trash and recyclables.
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**You can make a
difference!**

**Recycling saves
natural resources.**

**Recycling saves
energy.**

**Recycling saves
our environment.**

**Recycling adds
value to
Pennsylvania's
economy.**

**RECYCLING
IS GOOD
BUSINESS!!**

