

SCHOOL ZERO WASTE WISH LIST

Is your school taking steps to actively reduce waste? Refer to this checklist for zero waste success! Items with asterisks* are mandatory. Need some help? Contact your School Zero Waste Coordinator, Brenna Toman or John Jose for more information and help implementing these guidelines.



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CLASSROOMS

- *Each trash can has an equal or larger recycling bin next to it.
- Each classroom has a labeled and regularly maintained compost bucket for food scraps.
- Classrooms have annual Zero Waste lessons and/or compost training.
- The school has conducted a waste audit and waste reduction is tracked over time.
- Educational visual aids remind students to reduce, reuse, recycle, and compost.
- Students and teachers are encouraged to print double-sided.
- Classrooms contain a reuse bin for students to give/take unwanted items.
- The school promotes reusing/recycling during end-of-year locker clean outs.
- Classrooms contain a bucket for hard-to-recycle items to bring to the Additional Recycling Collections Center.

OTHER

- Faculty and staff have been trained in recycling/composting by CVSWMD
- *Faculty/staff have a labeled compost container in the faculty lounge.
- The school purchases paper products with recycled content.
- The school has an environmentally preferred purchasing policy.
- The office reuses envelopes for inter-office mailings.
- The school has at least one reusable water bottle filling station.
- There is an active student environmental club at the school.
- The school is composting on-site.
- The school uses compost in a student garden.

CAFETERIA

- *Cafeteria staff separate food scraps and recycle as food is prepared.
- *The sort station has clearly labeled recycling, compost, and trash containers and is an appropriate height for students.
- Staff actively monitor the sorting station monitor to help students separate their waste.
- There is a system to rinse recyclables.
- There are visual aids to remind students to reduce food waste, recycle and compost.
- The cafeteria uses reusable dishware and flatware.
- The cafeteria provides a bulk milk dispenser instead of individual cartons.
- The cafeteria does not offer straws.
- The cafeteria uses the 'Offer vs. Serve' model.
- The cafeteria has a program to take home or donate leftovers.
- The cafeteria uses bulk condiments and dressing instead of single use packages.
- The cafeteria does not offer bottled water.

CUSTODIAL

- Facility staff can easily separate recycling and trash.
- Facility staff have a protocol for handling hazardous materials and spills in a safe and environmentally friendly manner.
- Staff uses reusable cleaning supplies and non-toxic, environmentally friendly products.
- *Metal, glass, plastics #1-7, and paper/cardboard are collected school-wide.
- The school offers book and e-waste recycling.
- All recyclables are clean, dry, and loose (not bagged) for pickup.