

School Waste Audit

Name: _____

Grade: _____

Room: _____

Date: _____

The Waste Audit will help you find out how much waste your school is generating and help you measure the impacts of your actions on reducing waste, such as reducing the number of full garbage cans and increasing the number of full recycling bins!

1. How many blue recycling bins are in the room?

How many bins are mostly empty? _____

How many bins are half-full? _____

How many bins are mostly full? _____



What is in the recycling bins?

_____ Paper

_____ Cans

_____ Bottles

_____ Other

2. Is there anything in the Recycle bin that doesn't belong there? (Count how many you find)

___ Food Scraps

___ Plastic Bags

___ Other things that don't belong _____

3. In the recycling bin is there a lot of paper that is only written on one side? __Yes__ No

4. Is there a place to keep paper that only has writing on one side to be reused? _Yes _No

5. How many garbage cans are in the room?



How many cans are empty? _____

How many cans are half-full? _____

How many cans are mostly full? _____

6. Are there things in the garbage can that don't belong there? (Count how many you find)

___ paper, cardboard

___ cans

___ plastic bottle

___ food scraps

___ Other things that don't belong _____



7. Is there a compost bin/bucket in the room? _____

Is the bin/bucket being used and emptied outside in school compost bin/pile? _____

8. Are there things in the compost bin that don't belong there? (Count how many you find):

___ plastic bottles

___ juice boxes

___ cans

___ plastic bags and other packaging

Other things that don't belong _____

Other Questions:

In the office, do they make double-sided copies (using both sides)? ___YES ___NO

Are the recycle and compost bins located near the garbage cans? ___YES ___NO

Are there signs explaining what things go in which bins? ___ YES ___ NO

Please share ONE IDEA you have for how the school can reduce the amount of garbage and waste overall and increase the recycling and composting.

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