

SIMPLE WAYS TO REDUCE SCHOOL WASTE

Approximately 44% of all waste generated in Montgomery County comes from schools, businesses, organizations, and government facilities. Reducing the amount of waste generated at your school protects our environment, reduces disposal costs, and benefits our children and future generations.

Reduce Waste – Don't Create It in the First Place.



Join Montgomery County to reduce waste and recycle more, aiming for Zero Waste.

**FOLLOW THESE SIMPLE WAYS TO
REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF WASTE
GENERATED AT YOUR SCHOOL.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
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How to Reduce Waste at Your School



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Reduce waste at your school by using computers, projectors/whiteboards, dry erase and bulletin boards.

In Classrooms:

- Use computers, projectors/whiteboards, dry erase and bulletin boards
- Email assignments and information to students and parents
- Use electronic school records, online testing, and electronic forms
- Use laptops or tablets for notes
- Use front and back sides of paper and reusable folders

For Teachers and Staff:

- Buy school and office supplies in bulk
- Reuse cardboard and other materials for art projects
- Use digital media, including e-books



Use digital media to help reduce paper waste.

- Use reusable trays, plates, glasses, flatware, and containers for lunches
- Use energy-efficient hand driers



Promote zero waste lunches by using reusable water bottles and reusable and washable food containers.

Promote Zero Waste Lunches:

- Use refillable and reusable bottles
- Use reusable lunch bags
- Avoid prepackaged food
- Use reusable and washable utensils and food containers
- Use cloth napkins instead of disposable paper products

Encourage Students:

- Use refillable pens, pencils, and markers
- Donate gently used books and school supplies
- Donate lost and found items to local charitable organizations



Donate gently used school supplies to local charitable organizations.

Beyond the Classroom:

- Encourage teachers, staff, and students to reduce waste at home
- Email school-wide information to students and parents instead of using paper
- Provide collection bins for locker and desk clean-outs, then reuse materials or donate supplies to local charitable organizations
- Use appropriate recycling containers throughout your school
- Create a green team comprised of students and teachers/staff to promote recycling and waste reduction at school
- Provide leftover edible food and beverages for after-school activities or sports



Create a green team to promote recycling and waste reduction in your school.

SET A GOOD EXAMPLE FOR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

Thanks for Reducing Waste and Recycling Right!