

CREATING A ROUTINE

Recycling can be fun AND organized! Routines make daily, weekly and monthly recycling collections and tallying simple.

DOWNLOAD THE TALLY SHEET OR MAKE YOUR OWN.

KEEP COPIES HANDY FOR TALLYING TOTALS!

CREATE A COLLECTION PLAN

Dedicate a certain room or closet to store recyclables until you can tally them and send them off to the recycling center.



- >> Look for space with an easy to clean table, sufficient storage, access to a drain and running water, and a cupboard for storing supplies.
- >> If space is limited, schedule rotating shifts of volunteers to handle and tally recycling on a daily basis.

BE WHERE THE RECYCLABLES ARE:

- >> Identify the top 5 places in your school where recyclables are consumed and provide bins at those locations.
- >> 'Clear Out Your Cupholder' is a fun event for students and teachers, as well as the community, to participate in.

HOST A 'CELAR OUT YOUR CUPHOLDER'
DAY ONCE A WEEK FOR PEOPLE DRIVING
THROUGH THE PARKING LOT. HAVE A CREW
OF STUDENTS AND TEACHERS STAND
OUT FRONT WITH BAGS TO HELP COLLECT
PLASTIC BOTTLES AND CANS.



WORK WITH CONCESSIONERS AT SPORTING EVENTS TO COLLECT RECYCLABLES.



Recycling is easy with a team!



POST A CALENDAR SO STUDENTS KNOW WHO'S NEXT!

Rotating responsibilities across your Green Team allows each student to be the lead for one week or one day a month.

OR ASSIGN ZONES

RALLY SCHEDULE - MARCH

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CHOOL LAYOUT

RECYCLE RALLY

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	Cafeteria	
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1	Grade 4	
	Grade 5	
	Art Room	
).	Music Room	
	Office (Main)	
2.	Library	
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3	2	Cafeteria			
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	1	Grade 3			
	1	Grade 4			
		Grade 5			
2	1	Art Room			
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		Office (Mai			
3	0	Library			

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teacher preference	
By paper stack	
By office exit	

Give each participant a zone or group of pickup stations that they are responsible for emptying and tallying on a daily basis.



LET YOUR BINS DO THE TALKING!

Clearly communicate recycling to minimize confusion and contamination.

- Customize bins to speak to your needs design or decorate them using common, inexpensive methods.
- >> A round hole as the opening of your bin is a universal cue that bottles or cans are accepted in this bin.
- >> Use different sizes where necessary. Larger bins placed in high-volume areas will yield more recyclables.
- >> Use color to distinguish which materials belong in each bin (e.g. blue for recyclables, green for compostables and black for landfill-bound trash).

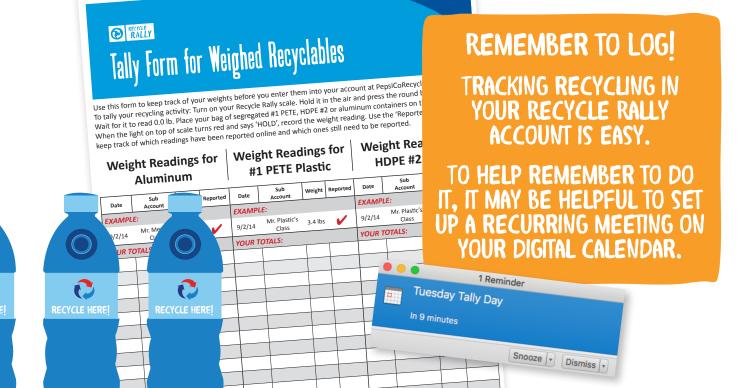
Maximize impact by referencing the Bin Placement Guide for proper placement!



BUILDING YOUR OWN BINS

can be a fun activity for all students.

Turn it into a contest to get everyone involved!



REAL TALK

"WE HAVE A REGULARLY SCHEDULED RECYCLING PICKUP DAY/TIME FOR EACH GRADE LEVEL THIS KEEPS US VERY ORGANIZED." - Taylorsville Elementary School

"WE RECYCLE FROM 4 TO 5 PM AFTER SCHOOL AND PROVIDE SNACKS FOR STUDENTS WHEN RECYCLING IS COMPLETED." - Stroman Middle School

"I have found having a large storage unit outside where people can drop 'all' the time is great vs. one day a month collections." St. Viator Elementary School

"My students collect all the bottles and cans from around the school. They then dump them into a designated bin to 'count' them. Every time the bin fills it counts as an XL garbage bag and we log it in on our Recycle Rally tracking sheet and then log it on the computer. Overall very easy!" - Milford Middle School

"We delegate collection by grade levels each week. Rotating who empties the bins from small to medium to the largest bin which needs to be put out for pick up."

- Boca Raton Christian School

"DELEGATE AND CREATE 'GREEN TEAMS'. MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS EACH TAKE A CLASSROOM AND ARE THE AMBASSADORS FOR THAT CLASSROOM - COLLECTING AND COMMUNICATING REMINDERS."

- Liberty Tech Charter School

"STUDENTS KEEP A RUNNING TALLY ON MY WHITEBOARD. I ENTER THE NUMBERS WEEKLY AND GIVE UPDATES THAT DAY ON THE MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS."

West Carroll High School