# LET'S STOP WASTE AT SCHOOL



#### **FACTS & INFORMATION**

Are you a school administrator concerned about solid waste disposal costs? Are you a environmentally conscious teacher, parent, or student? Hamilton County ReSource wants to help your school set up a new solid waste reduction/recycling program or expand or improve your existing program.

A representative from Hamilton County ReSource can come to your school and meet with principals, teachers, students, facility managers, custodians, and/or PTAs to help you assess your school's waste stream and determine what program is right for you. Hamilton County ReSource can also assist you in designing your program to have a minimal impact on custodians; educate staff, students, and parents; and generate school pride and enthusiasm for the program.

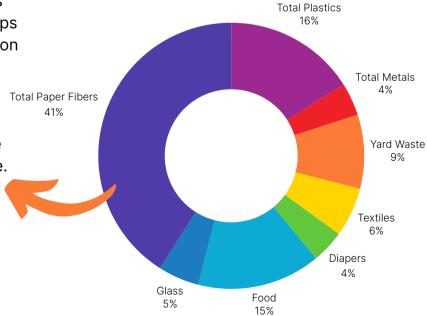
Once you have committed to starting a program, completed the Let's Stop Waste at School Registration Form and Worksheet, Hamilton County ReSource can provide or assist with the following services:

- · Staff and faculty training
- Indoor recycling containers
- Classroom programs
- Signage School assemblies
- Solid waste related field trips
- · Waste reduction consultation

#### Did you know?

Paper makes up 41% of Ohio's waste stream by weight and 44% by volume.

## **Statewide Distribution of Major Components or Categories of Waste**



For more information, please contact Cher Mohring.

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#### LET'S STOP WASTE AT SCHOOL PROGRAM

## **REGISTRATION FORM**

### **SCHOOL INFORMATION School Name** Grades **LSW Coordinator Name Principal Name Building Manager Name**: Zip **School Address School Phone Coordinator Phone Coordinator Email Student Enrollment** No. of Faculty **Expected Start Date SIGNITURES LSW Coordinator Date** Date **Principal** Date **Building Manager**

Please return to Cher Mohring, Hamilton County ReSource.

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## **ACTIVITIES FORM**

#### CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

Recess is before lunch so students are hungrier at lunch and not in a hurry to go out and play.
School has "Waste-free Lunch" days.
School has a food share table (complete "Recycling Plan Worksheet").
School donates appropriate surplus food to a 501c3 charitable organization.
School has water bottle refill stations.
Cafeteria has a bulk milk dispenser.
Cafeteria is set up as "offer versus serve" so students can choose foods they prefer.
Cafeteria staff is aware that students are not required to take milk.
School does food waste audits.
Cafeteria uses reusable (Check all that apply):
Trays Silverware Plates/Bowls Cups
"These Come From Trees" stickers are put on paper towel holders as a reminder to only use what's needed.
Restrooms have air dryers instead of paper towels.
School facilitates a uniform exchange program.
Staff is encouraged to save paper by reducing margin size, and printing double-sided.
Teachers are encouraged to allow students to submit assignments electronically.
There are designated areas for paper that has a blank side to be reused.
School recycles (complete "Recycling Plan Worksheet").
School composts (complete "Recycling Plan Worksheet").
Other

If you need assistance implementing any of these activities, we are here to help! Contact Cher Mohring at cher.mohring@hamilton-co.org or 513.946.7737.



## **ACTIVITIES FORM EXAMPLE**

#### CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

**Material** 

**Point of Collection** 

**How collected (By** Whom)

**Who Moves Material to Pickup** Location

**Scheduled Pickup** 

Paper and Cardboard Classrooms

Classrooms, administrative offices, teacher workrooms, teacher mailrooms

Placed in marked boxes (students. teachers, staff)

Green Team collects from classrooms and takes to recycling dumpster on Tuesdays

Recycling dumpster serviced on Wednesday

Cans, Bottles, milk/juice cartons, juice boxes

Cafeteria, gym, kitchen, sports field, staff break room

Place in designated recycling bins (students, teachers, staff, quests)

Custodians moved bags to single-stream dumpster daily

Recycling dumpster serviced on Wednesdays

Unopened, commercially packaged food; and whole, intact fruit

Cafeteria

Students place refrigerated items in cooler and fruit in basket on "Food Share Cart" for another student to take if they wish

At the end of lunch, Mr. Smith puts in 'food for donation' box in refrigerator daily

On Thursday, Mr. Smith takes everything in the "Food for Donation" box to ABC Food Pantry

Fruit and vegetable scraps, coffee grounds, leaves, shredded paper (as needed)

Cafeteria (during 3rd grade lunch period only), teacher lunchroom, school lawn, office (as needed)

Cafeteria: students put fruit and vegetable scraps in to compost collection container Teacher lunchroom: staff puts coffee grounds into compost collection container Lawn: students bag fall leaves

Office: saves shredded paper for compost as needed

Schedule set up for 3rd graders to take turns emptying food scraps and coffee grounds into compost bin and cover with leaves or shredded paper daily 3rd graders also take turns turning compost bin once a week

N/A

**Printer Cartridges** 

**Print Areas** 

Staff takes to office and places in designated box

Ms. Smith ships box to Cartridges for Kids when full

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