

Green Flag Level Two survey: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Program

You have chosen to work on Reduce, Reuse and Recycle activities (RRR) for your level two survey. The following questions will take you on a tour of your school and you will become a Recycling Detective. Be investigative, and leave no stone unturned, in your quest to understand the many objects in your school and how they're reused, recycled or disposed of.

Remember that the RRR section of your Green Flag Environment Survey may have some of the answers you need for level two, so please refer to the level one survey where the questions overlap.

Information About Your School

Name of Your School: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Survey Date: _____

1. For the following products, please check boxes for materials your school currently recycles, and note how often the material is picked up by or delivered to recyclers at your school:

glass bottles/jars Recycle
Frequency: _____

steel cans Recycle
Frequency: _____

aluminum cans Recycle
Frequency: _____

plastic bottles, Recycle
Frequency: _____

aseptic cartons (e.g. juice boxes) Recycle
Frequency: _____

white office paper Recycle
Frequency: _____

mixed office paper Recycle
Frequency: _____

mixed paper Recycle
Frequency: _____

#1 Plastic (PETE) & #2 Plastic (HDPE) Recycle
Frequency: _____

paper board, card board, etc.

Recycle

Frequency: _____

computer printer ink cartridges

Recycle

Frequency: _____

other classroom recyclables

Recycle

Frequency: _____

please describe "other" _____

2. For the following waste reduction activities, please check the boxes for the activities your school currently performs, and if so, how often.

Reusable Trays or Dishes

Frequency: _____

grasscycling

(Grasscycling is the natural recycling of grass by leaving clippings on the lawn after mowing. Grass clippings will quickly decompose, returning valuable nutrients to the soil.)

Frequency: _____

mulch tree trimmings

(Organic mulch is made up of shredded tree and landscape trimmings, and leaf litter, and is used to provide a protective soil cover under trees and shrubs, and in planters. Mulch enriches and protects soil, and provides a better growing environment for plants by retaining moisture, maintaining even soil temperatures, preventing erosion, and controlling weeds. Source-LAUSD)

Frequency: _____

On-site Composting

(Composting is the transformation of organic material (plant matter) through decomposition into a soil-like material called compost. Composting is a natural form of recycling, which continually occurs in nature.)

Frequency: _____

Donating to Food Bank/shelter

Frequency: _____

Please describe any other waste reduction activities the school has done in the past year, for example (locker room cleanouts, toy drives etc.)

3. For the following products, please check the boxes for the products that the school reuses and how they're reused --e.g. scrap-paper box.

glass bottles/jars

Reuse:

metal cans Reuse:

plastic bottles Reuse:

aseptic cartons (e.g. juice boxes) Reuse:

white office paper Reuse:

mixed paper Reuse:

other paper Reuse:

corrugated cardboard Reuse:

other materials Reuse:

please describe "other" _____

4. Does your school purchase recycled-content products? Yes No
(If applicable, please attach a copy of the school's purchasing policy regarding recycled products)

If yes, please list which products:

5. What is the name of the company that picks up your school's trash?

6. Do they also pick up recyclables? Yes No
If your school recycles, and you answered no for #6, who does pick up your school's recyclables?

7. What other materials would they collect or provide a service to pick up if the school requested it? If the recycling company lists the costs of these specific services, what would be the extra cost for these services?

Item _____ Cost _____

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Item _____ Cost _____

8. If your state or community has a bottle bill or redemption program that gives cash for returned bottles (and sometimes cans), does your school take in the bottles and receive a cash return?

Yes No

Please describe:

9. Does your school participate in recycling redemption programs, where it gets cash for returning items like printer and toner cartridges? (See resource list of companies that offer money for the return of such items) Yes No

What items do you return?

10. Who coordinates your school's recycling efforts, and what are their responsibilities?

School maintenance or facility staff:

Teachers:

Students:

Parents or other volunteers:

Other (Recycling coordinator):

11. Who participates in your school's RRR program?

Students: Yes No Approx. number of participants _____

Teachers: Yes No Approx. number of participants _____

School maintenance staff: Yes No Approx. number of participants _____

Other school staff: Yes No Approx. number of participants _____

12. Does your community offer curbside recycling: Yes No

13. Does your school participate in it? Yes No

14. Can your school participate in a city/county/state recycling program? Yes No

City: How: _____

County: How: _____

State: How: _____

15. Does your city/county/state have a recycling agency or private recycling program or business that helps your school with RRR?

City: Yes No Name of agency: _____

County: Yes No Name of agency: _____

State: Yes No Name of agency: _____

Local recycling center/non-profit/business: Yes No Don't know

Name: _____

Name: _____

16. Has your school ever done a waste audit to calculate the weight and/or volume of trash that could be recycled and reused? Yes No

17. If yes, who did the audit and what were the results? (For example, how much did the recyclables weigh compared to weight of all the trash put together)

18. Are RRR activities included in any of the school curricula (your lessons and assignments)? Yes No

If yes, please indicate who runs those activities and what classes have done them

Teachers: Yes No

School maintenance staff: Yes No

Other school staff: Yes No

An outside contractor Yes No

An outside non-profit organization Yes No

Activity: _____ Class: _____

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Activity: _____ Class: _____

If your school has an RRR program, please answer the following questions

19. Does your school provide recycling bins at collection points (including outside bins)? Yes
 No

20. Are the recycling bins monitored to make sure they are being used correctly? (*Does someone make sure that people aren't putting non-recyclables in the bins?*)
 Never sometimes often – if an exact number can be given please indicate _____