

Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District

School Recycling Assistance Program (RAP)

Fact Sheet

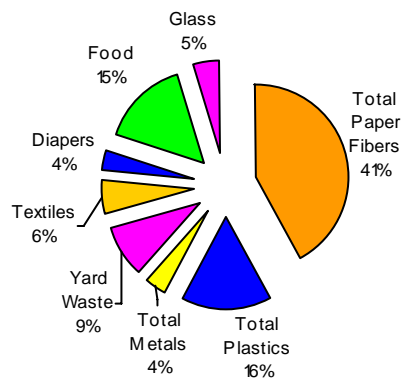
Are you a school administrator concerned about solid waste disposal costs? Are you a recycling-conscious teacher or student? The Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District (District) wants to help your school set up a new solid waste reduction/recycling program or expand your existing program.

A representative from the District can come to your school and meet with principals, teachers, students, facility managers, custodians, and PTAs to help you assess your school's waste stream and determine what program is right for your school. The District can also help you design your collection method 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, complete the RAP Registration Form and Individual School Recycling Plan, the District can provide the following services:

- Free teacher training and curricula aligned with state standards
- Free indoor recycling containers
- Free classroom presentations
- Free school assemblies
- Free solid waste related field trips
- Free student incentives
- Free recycling consultation services
- And more!

To schedule a visit and register your school, contact Sue Magness at (513) 946-7736 or at sue.magness@hamilton-co.org.



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 by Weight

School Recycling Plan Worksheet

Please answer the following questions to the best of your ability. This is the starting point for establishing an efficient and sustainable recycling program on your campus. The District will work with your recycling team during the school year to complete the plan.

1. Where do you want the outdoor recycling container(s) placed? Provide detailed map. If already placed, is this location convenient for volunteers and staff?

2. What items will be or are collected for recycling? Identify your recycling service hauler for each item (i.e., Abibiti, Recovered Resources, CSI, Rumpke, 3R Recycling, volunteer, etc.)

Item Collected	Hauler	Item Collected	Hauler
Mixed Paper	_____	Inkjet/Laser Cartridges	_____
Corrugated Cardboard	_____	Single-stream (comingled)	_____
Aluminum Cans	_____	Cell Phones	_____
Yardwaste (composting)	_____	Vermicomposting (worm bin)	_____
Plastic Bags	_____	Other	_____

3. If you participate in single-stream recycling, can you afford the monthly hauling service fee for recycling? (Single-stream recycling allows you to co-mingle mixed paper, corrugated cardboard, plastics #1 and #2, steel, aluminum, and glass.) If not, are you prepared to raise funds, write a grant, or haul it yourself? What is the cost?

4. Will the school cafeteria staff participate? Did you speak with them?

5. Describe your collection method. Who will transfer the material from the classrooms/cafeteria to the outside recycling container? How often?

6. How can the recycling and waste diversion program be designed to minimize the impact on custodians?

7. Do you have indoor collection containers? If not, how many (number of classrooms, offices, etc.) do you need? What type?

8. How will you prevent the recycling containers from becoming contaminated with trash? How will you ensure that the campus community, including parents, is well informed about the recycling program?

9. How will you involve students in the recycling/waste diversion efforts?

10. Does your school have a recycling or environmental club? If not, would you like to start one?

11. Please list the ideas you are considering to kick-off the program and for ongoing education and marketing efforts. Complete the time line worksheet (Attachment A) for major and minor promotional events.

12. Who is your current waste hauler (garbage going to landfill)? Include business name, contact name and phone number. Please attach a copy of your last bill. Does your waste hauler offer recycling and have a non-competitive clause in your contract?
 - What size and how many dumpster(s) do you have (2, 6, or 8 cubic yard capacity)? _____
 - How often are they serviced per week? _____
 - How many cubic yards of waste do you send to landfill each week? _____
 - How much does garbage to landfill cost monthly? _____

13. As the volume of recyclables you collect increases, the volume of waste you send to the landfill will decrease. How will you ensure your school takes advantage of these savings?

14. Have you done a waste audit? What percentage of your current waste stream is recyclable?

15. Who at your school is responsible for paying the waste and recycling bills? Who will make the service level changes if /when your recycling program is successful? Provide contact name and phone number.

16. It is important to report recycling success (positive feedback) to your campus community. How will you quantify how much of each material you recycle/divert from the waste stream?

17. Additional comments or unique challenges you anticipate at your school.

Attachment A
**2007- 2008 Recycling Assistance Program
 Promotion and Education Timeline Worksheet**

Month	Date	Activities	Target Audience	Activity Description	Person Responsible
August					
September					
October					
November					
December					
January					
February					
March					
April					
May					
June					