

COMPOST

food scraps, fruit, vegetables, meat & bread
food-soiled paper, napkins & paper plates



LANDFILL

plastic wrappers, bags, utensils, straws, masks,
gloves, drink pouches, sauce packets, snack trash



RECYCLE

clean paper, plastic containers,
aluminum foil, bottles & cans



To learn more, visit:
RecycleSmart.org/schools



**Our award-winning program
provides free resources
and assistance to all public
and private K-12 schools.**

For field trips and truck visits, contact:
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Recycling and Composting at School



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Food Donation

RecycleSmart and White Pony Express were awarded a food recovery grant from the State of California (CalRecycle) to increase food donation in Contra Costa County. White Pony Express offers free, as-needed food rescue services. White Pony Express can dependably pick up and safely distribute your surplus fresh and prepared foods within 24 hours, supporting our highest-need neighbors: isolated seniors, students and their families, veterans, and the unhoused.

White Pony Express partners with schools! Even if your school does not have food to donate on a routine schedule, become a partner today so that you always have a resource when you have surplus edible food available.

Learn more, visit:

WhitePonyExpress.org/Food-Rescue
(925) 322-0604



Food Share

Prevent waste of unwanted food at your school. RecycleSmart provides food share carts, bins, and signs. Contact us for help implementing a food sharing program.



Free Resources for Schools:

- **Wastebusters Award Program**
 - For leadership schools that reach a 75% recycling rate
- **Student Internships and Scholarships**
 - For high schools, with scholarships for seniors
- **Site Assessment Visit**
 - Site visit to assess current container locations and service levels to provide recommendations for increasing diversion
 - In-depth classroom waste inspection with school green team
 - Visual waste sorting inspection forms and materials for students, site leads, or volunteers
- **Signs, Guides, and Posters**
- **Green Team Training and Support**
- **Custodial, Food Service Department, and Staff Support**
 - Procedures and best practices
 - Training and professional development
- **School Assemblies**
- **Lesson Plans and Activities**
 - Kahoot! computer learning games
 - "How to Sort" lesson plan
- **Supplies**
 - Aprons, grabbers, brooms and dustpans
 - Various sizes of classroom, custodial and outdoor recycling, organics and landfill bins
 - Food share carts, bins, and signs
- **Zero-Waste Meal Support**
- **Assistance Transitioning from Single-Use to Reusable Foodware**
- **Field Trips to:**
 - Recycling Processing Facility
 - Transfer Station or Landfill

Composting is now the Law in California!

SB 1383 represents an enormous statewide effort to reduce climate pollutants. Organics, such as food scraps, landscape trimmings, and uncoated food-soiled paper, may no longer be landfilled in California. Additionally, excess edible food must be donated to feed people.

SB 1383 requirements for schools:

- **Educate staff and students on methods for preventing organic waste**
 - Ensure that staff sorts materials correctly into the three containers (recycle, organics, landfill)
- **Provide containers and signage for three streams**
 - recycling (blue)
 - organics (green)
 - landfill (gray/black)
- **Inspect bins for contamination**
 - If contamination is found, inform staff, and instruct staff on how to properly sort all three streams
- **Have a written agreement with a food recovery organization to recover edible food**
 - Keep records of those agreements, and keep records of the type of food, frequency of collection, and pounds of food donated per month

