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Resources for Schools

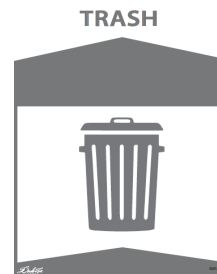
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Free Labels, Posters & Activity Guides

- [Online order form](#)
- Sent directly to your school for free



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Best Practices

- Custodial
- Food Service
- Classroom
- Wasted Food Prevention

FOOD SERVICE RECYCLING & ORGANICS GUIDE

- 1. PAIR CONTAINERS IN KITCHEN**
Maximizes diversion
- 2. IMPLEMENT OFFER VS. SERVE**
Reduces food waste
 - > Acceptable under the national school lunch and breakfast programs
 - > Allows students to decline items they don't intend to eat
 - > Encourages student feedback through taste tests and menu planning
- 3. SERVE FOOD IN BULK**
Decreases packaging waste and cost
 - > Simplifies waste sorting process
 - > Supports Offer vs. Serve
- 4. INVEST IN DISPENSERS & REUSABLES**
Save money on products and waste hauling
 - > Financially advantageous over single use
 - > Simplifies waste sorting process
 - > Promotes reuse instead of throw away
- 5. PROVIDE A SHARE TABLE**
Reduces food waste
 - > Approved by the USDA and MN Dept. of Health
 - > Enables unopened food to be provided to students or donated
 - > Establish a consistent policy throughout your school and/or district

NOTIFY LEAD IF...

- > Recycling or organics is routinely contaminat
- > Issues with the recycling or composting program

Learn more at www.dakotacounty.us, search school recycling

Classroom Recycling Guide

- 1. Pair Recycling & Trash Containers**
- 2. Annual Recycling Recap with Students**
- 3. Recycle Right**
 - Empty liquids from containers
 - No food, tissues, or paper towels in recycling
 - Plastic bags and wrappers go in the trash

Learn more at www.dakotacounty.us, search school recycling or call 852-893-7557

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School Training Resources

- Email or newsletter article templates
- Presentations with talking points
- Images and icons

Recycle Right at School
PUT THESE ITEMS IN THE RECYCLING:

- METAL CANS**
Food and beverage aluminum, tin, and steel cans
- GLASS BOTTLES AND JARS**
Food and beverage bottles and jars
- PLASTIC BOTTLES, CONTAINERS & JUGS**
 - Containers numbered 1, 2 or 5
 - Soda, juice and water bottles
 - Milk and juice jugs
 - Clear berry and produce containers
 - Margarine, cottage cheese, cream cheese, other tubs/jugs
 - Laundry detergent bottles and jugs
- PAPER**
 - Newspaper and inserts
 - Magazines and catalogs
 - Mail and office papers
- CARDBOARD**
 - Corrugated cardboard
 - Paperboard (e.g., cracker boxes)
- CARTONS**
 - Milk and juice cartons
 - Soup, broth, and wine cartons
 - Juice boxes

Help us recycle right. Place recyclables listed on this slide in labeled recycling containers.
Dakota County adopted this designated list of recyclables... residents, businesses, schools and government institutions have to recycle and items to recycle reduces confusion on what to recycle which helps improves the results of materials recycling.

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Sample Standardized Recycling Messages for Schools

For More Resources: Dakota County School Recycling
Website: www.dakotacounty.gov/search/school_recycling

Sample Email or Article For Everyone:
Use to educate students, employees (e.g., teachers, administrators, food services, custodial, housekeeping) and any contractors that participate in the recycling program or are responsible for collecting and managing recycling.

Subject/Title: Recycle Right at [Insert School Name]

Our school is committed to recycling. Recycling helps us save energy, resources like trees and minerals, and keeps our air and water clean. Help to recycle right.

Follow these rules to make sure our recycling gets recycled right:

- Bottles, jugs and containers are empty and dry.
- Loose caps and lids on containers.
- Flatten boxes.

Put these items in the recycling:

- Paper**
 - Newspaper and inserts
 - Magazines and catalogs
 - Mail and office papers
- Cardboard**
 - Corrugated cardboard
 - Paperboard (e.g., cracker boxes)
- Cartons**
 - Milk and juice cartons
 - Soup, broth, and wine cartons
 - Juice boxes
- Metal cans**
 - Food and beverage aluminum, tin, and steel cans
- Glass bottles and jars**
 - Food and beverage bottles and jars





Cafeteria Banners

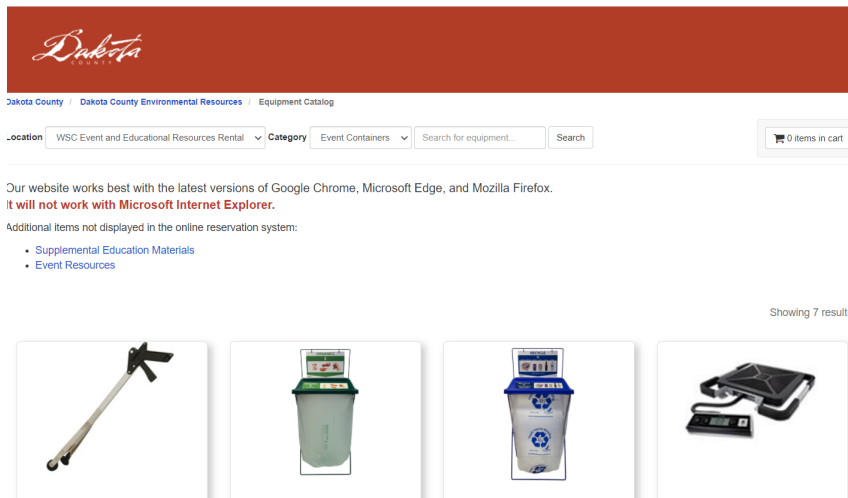
- Vinyl with grommet holes
- 2 feet x 3 feet





Education Kits & Event Containers

- Free to borrow
- [Contactless online reservation system](#)





Free Performances & Field Trip Busing

- Tricia and the Toonies Enviro-Fun Show
 - Grades K-3
- Field Trip Busing
 - Grade 4, Student Green Teams and School Staff





School Waste Prevention & Recycling Grants

- Grants up to \$10,000
- Previous grant projects:
 - Stadium recycling
 - Food share tables
 - Reusable utensils
 - Staff stipends (Green Team leader)






E-News for Schools

- [Sign up online](#)
(Environmental News for Schools)
- Earn recognition for your school and students

Get compost delivered to your school

Dakota County schools who currently collect organics and have participated in the Dakota County grant program are eligible to get compost delivered at no cost. Help "close the loop" on organics composting education for students and raise awareness about the benefits of compost. Use the compost in vegetable and flower gardens, on-site plantings, potted plants and to repair turf or grass.



If your school is eligible, complete the delivery request survey by Friday, April 23.

Compost provided through this project is intended for direct school operations. If your school is interested in fundraising through the sale of compost or providing compost to the community, learn more about the Plate to Garden program.


Adopt-a-drain for Earth Day

Adopt-a-drain is the perfect Earth Day stewardship project for classrooms, students, individuals and families. Learn how to prevent damage to lakes, rivers and streams from runoff pollution in your neighborhood and how to bring stormwater stewardship into your classroom with Adopt-a-Drain Interactive's engaging multimedia activities.

Sign up to Adopt-a-Drain at your school grounds or neighborhood.

Schools in the Spotlight:
Discovery Charter School

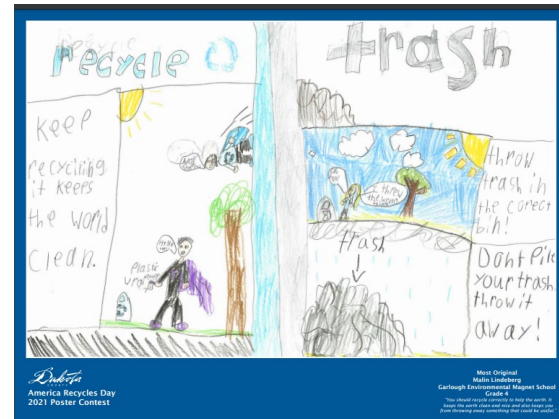
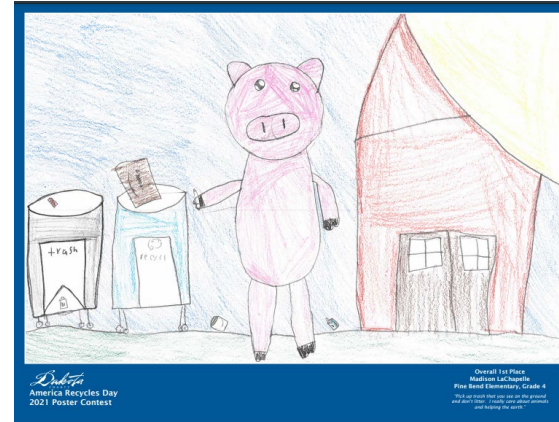
Discovery Charter School in Inver Grove Heights recently participated in the School Waste Prevention






America Recycles Day: Poster/Video Contest

- Deadline: November
- Poster Contest
 - 4th grade students
- Video Contest
 - Grades 5-12





Free Compost Delivery

- Free compost delivery to eligible schools
- 1-5 cubic yards available
- Eight schools received





Coming SOON!

- New student poster
- New staff poster
- Low waste lunch guide





School Recycling Webpage

- www.dakotacounty.us,
search school
recycling
 - Grants
 - Ordinance
requirements
 - Waste education
 - Online order form
 - School workshop
presentations





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