

# GUIDE FOR SCHOOLS

These waste reduction initiatives not only contribute to a cleaner environment, but they also instill valuable lessons about responsible consumption and conservation amongst students and staff. This list is just the beginning, adapt and create new strategies that work best for your school.

## CONDUCT A CLASSROOM WASTE AUDIT

- Do a (dumpster dive) to check what types of items are being thrown away and brainstorm how your class can reduce waste and recycle more.

## SET SCHOOL-WIDE WASTE REDUCTION GOALS

- Create goals for the whole school to reduce waste and work together to achieve them.

## INTEGRATE REDUCE & REUSE MESSAGES INTO CLASSROOM CURRICULUM

- Facilitate lessons about the importance of reducing waste and reusing items. Add a hands-on activity to drive home the message.

## POST CLASSROOM AND CAFETERIA “WHAT GOES WHERE” SIGNAGE

- Make clear signs that show where to put trash and recycling, so everyone knows the right place to throw things away.

## REIMAGINE WASTE INTO CREATIVE ART PROJECTS

- Use old or unused materials to create fun art projects, turning trash into treasures and reducing waste.

## INTRODUCE WASTE-FREE LUNCH DAY!

- Have a special day where everyone tries to bring lunches that create no trash. Remind everyone to use reusable containers, utensils, water bottles, and lunch bags. Encourage everyone to eat all of their meal or bring leftovers home for later!

## REDUCE PAPER TOWEL USE BY INSTALLING HAND DRYERS

- Install hand dryers in bathrooms to use fewer paper towels, helping to save trees and reduce waste.

## NEED ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE?

- Sign up for a free on-site Waste Evaluation from Curb It! Our experts can help customize waste reduction solutions for your business.
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