

Rethink Waste Simplified:

Enhancements to Surrey Schools' Waste Management Program

What's new?

Sorting of waste has been simplified, helping Surrey Schools to divert even more of our waste from the landfill. We've heard your feedback and are pleased to share some changes that will make the Rethink Waste program even easier and will align recycling in our schools with sorting that Surrey residents are already familiar with at home. Read on for the details below.

Surrey schools has a new waste hauler: Super Save

- All schools will have new Super Save dumpsters outside the schools
- Keys for new bins have been distributed to the caretakers as well as the office
- The number of outside garbage, recycle, and organic containers has been changed to address the current sorting structure
- Pick-ups have changed: Garbage pick-up frequency has decreased while recycling and organics has increased. Super Save will be monitoring the outside containers and will alert Service Operations of any changes in service they feel are necessary

Our new waste hauler accepts "single stream" recycling

- Paper, cardboard, and plastic, metal & glass containers can now all go into one stream!
 - With our colour-coded system, all recycling is now blue
 - The yellow (paper) recycling stream is no longer necessary
- Organics will require compostable bags. Caretakers have been supplied with compostable bags for the organics in the hallway waste stations
 - If you choose to use a bag for your classroom pails please ensure it is compostable. Service Operations does not supply these bags. We recommend lining classroom pails with paper towel or newspaper each day.

"Waste Stations" now make sorting easier

- In response to feedback from the initial roll-out of the Rethink Waste program, uniform waste stations were rolled out to all schools over the summer
 - All Waste Stations have garbage, organics and recycling and most have refundables
 - Refundables containers were provided as part of the waste stations unless administrators had advised during the initial Rethink Waste rollout that their school did not choose to have a refundables program
 - Where there is no school-based refundables program, refundable containers such as pop cans, bottles and juice boxes can be placed in the recycling (blue) waste stream.
- The number and placement of waste stations in each school was determined by Service Operations based upon 'best practices' (using considerations such as layout of school, size of school & number of students)

- Service Operations will be providing signage for the hallway stations as soon as they are available
- For questions or concerns regarding the Waste Stations, contact: Assistant Manager of your zone or Manager of Service Operations

What Hasn't Changed?

Waste Streams continue to be colour coded as follows:

- Black = Garbage
- Green = Organics
- Blue = Recycling (NOW SINGLE STREAM: containers + paper)
- Orange = Refundables


There are no changes to the way in which waste is managed/moved:


- Each individual is responsible for sorting their waste into the correct receptacle
- Each classroom should have one garbage can which will be emptied by the custodian/caretaker
- Waste Station garbage, recycling & organics are emptied by custodians/caretakers
- Refundables are managed by the school
- Where schools have chosen to have recycling and/or organics containers in classrooms, these are to be emptied into the hallway waste stations and kept clean by the “owner” of the container (or through the process that the school has established)

What Goes In?


RETHINK WASTE **AT SCHOOL**

CONTAINERS



PLASTIC WITH CODES 

JUICE BOXES, UNBROKEN GLASS, METAL CONTAINERS AND LIDS,
 EMPTY CANS AND BOTTLES

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Paper, Plastics, Glass & Metal including:

- Paper (NEW!)
- Cardboard (NEW!)
- Paper coffee cups (empty) & lids (NEW!)
- Plastic (NEW – Codes 1 – 7!)
- Glass jars
- Metal cans & lids
- Milk Cartons
- Aluminum foil & containers
- Beverage cans, bottles & juice boxes (if no beverage recycling program)

Do not put in:


- Broken glass
- Styrofoam
- Plastic Utensils, soft plastics

RETHINK WASTE **AT SCHOOL**


ORGANICS



ALL FOOD SCRAPS AND FOOD-SOILED PAPERS ACCEPTED



NO CUPS, PACKAGING, PLASTICS OR PERSONAL TISSUE

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All food scraps including:

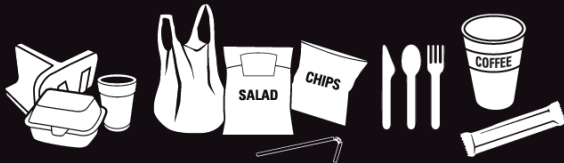
- Meat & fish
- Bones
- Tea bags & coffee grounds
- Wood (e.g. chopsticks, popsicle sticks)
- Food-soiled paper (paper towel, uncoated paper plates, paper food packaging)

Do not put in:

- Coffee Cups
- Plastic
- Used tissues

RETHINK WASTE AT SCHOOL

GARBAGE



ITEMS THAT CANNOT BE PLACED IN RECYCLING OR ORGANICS

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Materials that cannot be composted or recycled:

- Candy & granola bar wrappers
- Chip bags
- Straws
- Styrofoam
- Plastic utensils

Do not put in:

- Batteries
- Hazardous materials (chemicals)
- Paint
- Electronics
- Light bulbs

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REFUNDABLES



REFUNDABLE BEVERAGE CONTAINERS
FOR WHICH DEPOSIT WAS PAID

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All refundable beverage containers for which deposit was paid including:

- Pop & juice cans
- Pop, juice & water bottles
- Juice cartons
- Juice boxes

Do not put in:

- Milk cartons
- Plastic milk jugs

*If you school has a program to separate and return refundable containers, this program will be managed by the school.

*If your school does NOT have a program for refundables, all beverage containers can be put in the recycling stream.