

Eco-Schools Waste Audit

You will need:











- Bags of rubbish collected from around the school
- A tarp or sheet to protect the floor
- Gloves to protect your hands
- Tabards or aprons to protect your clothes
- A luggage scale (optional)







How to carry out a Waste Audit:

1. Decide where you would like to audit waste. Would you like to audit the entire school? Only the dining hall? Only classrooms?
2. Collect bagged rubbish from around your school and bring it somewhere you can make a bit of a mess.
3. Have a chat about Health & Safety. Make sure everyone wears gloves and something to protect their clothes. Put a sheet or tarp down to protect the floor if you're inside. If you're outside, find a way to prevent rubbish blowing away and becoming litter.
4. Open the bags of rubbish one at a time, and survey the contents using the attached tally sheets. It might be helpful to sort each type of rubbish into piles so you can weigh them. You can use the same tally for all the rubbish, or do a separate sheet for each area, whichever suits you best.
5. When you have finished investigating types of rubbish, make sure you bag everything up and dispose of it properly. Recycle everything you can.
6. Wash your hands.
7. Using the data collected, have a think about waste in your school. Some questions to consider include:
 - How much waste should have been put in the recycling bin instead of rubbish?
 - Is there any type of waste that could be reduced?
 - Can you work out the percentage of the total amount of waste for each category?
 - Which area produced the most waste?
 - Which type of waste does your school produce the most?
8. You might want to repeat the Waste Audit following a Waste Minimisation campaign and compare the results to Measure the difference you've made.

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School Name:		
Date:		
Who is carrying out the Waste Audit?		
Total amount of Waste collected	BAGS	KG
How much waste could have been recycled?		
Area	Number of bags collected	Weight (kg)
Classrooms		
Dining Hall		
Staff Room		

Category	Type		Count	Weight
Drinks related	Plastic bottle	 plastic bottle		
	Glass bottle	 glass bottle		
	Can	 drink tin		
	Coffee Cup	 takeout coffee		
	Takeaway soft drink cup	 drink		
	Carton	 drink carton		
Food related	Takeaway boxes	 takeaway		
	Sweetie and chocolate wrappers	 chocolate bar		
	Crisp packets	 crisp packet		
	Discarded food	 apple core		

Paper	Paper	 paper		
	Newspaper or Magazines	 newspaper		
	Cardboard	 cardboard		
Plastic	Shopping Bags	 plastic bag		
Other	Tissues	 tissues		
	Pens or pencils	 pen & pencil		