

## Waste Management Strategy

Mission Public Schools is committed to ethical recycling and responsible reduction of landfill waste. District recycling practices are based on the principles of economic and environmental sustainability.

Mission Public Schools expects employees will reduce the production of waste through good working practice, economic recycling or reuse and thereby setting an example for the students.

Four key waste streams (blue bag recyclables, compost, returnables and garbage) have been identified at school and district facility sites. The school district has established recycling solutions for each stream and will continue to review solutions for improved environmental sustainability practices.

Whenever feasible, accommodation for recycling of chemicals, lubricants, electronics, construction materials, and metal will be arranged as required and on a coordinated District wide basis.

All school district facilities will employ a colour coded, waste separation system to maximize recycling efficiency. Waste streams will be monitored and the data collected and distributed to participating sites in an effort to refine recycling options.

In order to most effectively support waste reduction, Mission Public Schools will be guided by the following principles:

1. Cultivate a workplace which promotes waste minimization and recycling.
2. Promote economy in the use of paper and other consumables.
3. Encourage the purchase of recycled materials and those which are suitable for disposal by recycling.
4. Favour suppliers with sound environmental principles and positive recycling and waste management practices.
5. Minimize waste by encouraging the exchange and reuse of equipment and materials amongst departments.
6. Develop a waste management strategy which accommodates recycling procedures and initiatives.
7. Continue to develop and improve the range and scope of recycling schemes we offer.

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