

# ***School's Education & Outreach Newsletter***

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Hello Superintendents, Principals, and Educators!

The Sacramento County Department of Waste Management and Recycling (DWMR) is excited to introduce our quarterly Schools Waste Management Newsletter! This newsletter will provide updates on free educational resources, outreach events, compliance requirements, recycling and organics tips, and more!

If you did not already sign up for our School's Program Updates, we received your email address either through prior correspondence or Sacramento County School's Information.

Do you know someone interested in receiving this newsletter? Visit [our Schools Resources webpage](#) to subscribe! You can update your [subscription preferences](#) anytime or email [CommercialWaste@SacCounty.gov](mailto:CommercialWaste@SacCounty.gov)



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## **The Need-to-Know Nook**

### **School's Waste Diversion Toolkit- Survey**

DWMR is developing a School's Waste Diversion Toolkit to support your recycling and organics programs! The toolkit will include collection containers for your cafeteria, multi-purpose rooms, break rooms, and classrooms.

To help us tailor the toolkit to your school's needs, please complete our short toolkit survey by clicking the button below.

## Toolkit Survey

Interested in being part of our toolkit pilot program? Schedule a school tour with our Schools Outreach Staff, by emailing [CommercialWaste@SacCounty.gov](mailto:CommercialWaste@SacCounty.gov).

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### Grant Opportunity!

The Carton Council is offering grants up to \$5,000 to help K-12 schools establish, enhance, or expand food and beverage carton recycling programs. Public and private schools, school districts, or individuals supporting school recycling programs can apply.

**Deadline to apply is May 31, 2025.**

To qualify:

- Confirm access to carton recycling by contacting your local waste service provider.
- Obtain administrative approval for the initiative before applying.

Note, we have confirmed Atlas Disposal and Waste Management both recycle milk cartons. [Learn more about the Carton Council Recycling Grant.](#)

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### Invite DWMR to Your Community Event

DWMR provides educational booths and staffing focused on waste sorting, composting, and sustainability.

At a recent Rio Americano High School Earth Day Event, we engaged with students and staff about proper waste sorting and backyard compost implementation. We provided 60 free kitchen pails to help students, and their families separate food scraps and food-soiled paper from recycling and garbage items at home. If you would like us to attend your next community event, please email [SacGreenTeam@SacCounty.gov](mailto:SacGreenTeam@SacCounty.gov).

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### Free Compost for School Gardens

Does your K-12 school have a school garden or student-run garden area? DWMR offers free loose compost for schools made from residential curbside organics recycling! If you're interested in receiving compost for your school, please email [SacGreenTeam@SacCounty.gov](mailto:SacGreenTeam@SacCounty.gov) with your school's name, site address, and contact information.



A minimum of 11 tons of compost is required for free delivery.

Additional information about our [Self-Serve Compost for Sacramento County residents and their locations](#) is also available.

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## ***Compliance Corner!***



California Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383), the Short-Lived Climate Pollutants: Organic Waste Methane Emissions Reduction Act, requires schools and local education agencies to divert 75% of organic material from landfill disposal to reduce methane gas production.

If your school has on-site food facilities, an edible food recovery system is required. Additionally, wherever recycling or organic waste is generated, schools must provide clearly labeled, visible, and easily accessible containers adjacent to garbage containers to properly capture and divert recycling and organic materials. For more information, please visit CalRecycle's School Waste Reduction Program website: [School Waste Reduction Programs - CalRecycle Home Page](#)

We understand these laws can be complex and confusing. DWMR is here to help! If you have any questions or need support, please email [CommercialWaste@SacCounty.gov](mailto:CommercialWaste@SacCounty.gov).

*CalRecycle oversees and enforces compliance for Local Education Agencies. DWMR provides education, outreach, and technical support to district offices and schools located in the unincorporated areas of Sacramento County.*

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