

School Education & Outreach Newsletter

Hello Superintendents, Principals, and Educators!

Welcome to the new school year! We know you have a lot of back-to-school prep, and we are here to make waste compliance one less thing to worry about. The Department of Waste Management and Recycling (DWMR) supports schools with updates on free educational resources, outreach events, state compliance requirements, recycling, organics tips, and more!

Know someone interested in receiving this newsletter? Visit our [Schools Resources webpage](#) to subscribe to our newsletter or update your [subscription preferences](#) anytime.



The Need-to-Know Nook

School Waste Compliance Service Guide Coming Soon!

DWMR is launching a new School Waste Compliance Service Guide! This comprehensive guide will cover resources on waste diversion, waste and recycling collection requirements under Senate Bill 1383, and other applicable waste diversion laws.

What's Included?

- Waste collection service requirements
- Edible Food Recovery and Donations
- Waste Program Implementation Assistance
- And Free Resources!

Questions? Contact our School's Education & Outreach Team: CommercialWaste@SacCounty.gov.



Classroom Presentations with ReCreate!

DWMR has partnered with ReCreate to bring engaging presentations on the importance of waste reduction to 3rd through 5th grade elementary classroom students. Presentations include how to properly recycle, followed by a fun, hands-on art project using donated materials that might otherwise be landfilled. Visit [ReCreate website](#) for more information.

Principals, look for an email from ReCreate staff to schedule your visit! For additional questions on ReCreate's program, please contact Madeline Huttie at madeline@recreate.org.

Cal-Waste Climate Curriculum Support for 6th Grade Classrooms

Cal-Waste Recovery Systems is offers fun, interactive presentations and field-trip opportunities for 6th grade classrooms in the



unincorporated area of Sacramento County. These opportunities focus on student enrichment in environmental science and community citizenship, aligning with Next Generation Science Standards and STEAM centered activities. Visit [Cal-Waste Recycle Education website](#) for more information.

To schedule a presentation, please contact Leesa Klotz at LessaKlotz@Cal-Waste.com.

Stormwater Quality Program Watershed Stewardship & Education Grant

Sacramento County Water Resources Stormwater Quality Program provides grants to community groups and school projects that protect, restore or enhance our creeks and rivers. Each recipient can receive up to \$2,500 in grant funds. Schools (grades K-12) that are located within the Sacramento County Storm Water Utility Boundaries (unincorporated urban areas of Sacramento County) are eligible. **The application deadline is October 17, 2025.** Visit [Sacramento County Stormwater Quality Program website](#) to apply!

Touch-a-Truck Event

Want to have DWMR's SacGreenTeam come to your school with a garbage, organics, or recycling collection truck? DWMR offers Touch-a-Truck events where students can learn the functions of these collection trucks and receive practical lessons on recycling techniques they can implement at home. To schedule, email SacGreenTeam@saccounty.gov.



Free Compost for School Gardens

DWMMR is offering schools free loose compost from residential curbside organics recycling! If you're interested in receiving compost for your school, please email SacGreenTeam@SacCounty.gov with your school's name, site address, and contact information.

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



Compliance Corner!

Staying on Track with SB1383

By now, your school should have garbage, organics and recycling collection services through your commercial waste hauler. But what now? How do you effectively utilize the collection containers? Waste sorting stations including garbage, organic and recycling containers should be established throughout the school wherever waste is generated. Schools must provide clearly labeled, visible, and easily accessible containers to properly capture and divert recycling and organic materials from the landfill. DWMMR offers implementation assistance, including in-person support and free resources such as custom labels, waste sorting station containers, and more!

We understand these laws and requirements can be complex and confusing. If you have any questions or need support, please email CommercialWaste@SacCounty.gov.

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

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