

## Composting and Recycling Standards for District 197 Schools

### “What Goes Where”

Organic: Green Bin	Recycling: Blue Bin	Trash: Gray Bin
<p>Food waste; meat, bones, fruit, veggies, pasta, dairy, eggshells, coffee grounds, gum</p> <p>Paper waste; trays, plates, cups, napkins, paper towels, food boats, tissue, egg cartons, wax paper, greasy pizza boxes, lunch bags, coffee filters, tea bags, paper gum wrappers, Subway wrapper</p> <p>Compostable sporks</p> <p>Other; Vacuum cleaner bags, dryer lint, cotton balls, floral trim and house plants</p>	<p>Paper; Cardboard, Milk cartons, juice boxes, frozen and refrigerated food boxes, news print, magazines, catalogs, notebook paper, copy paper, colored paper, envelopes, junk mail, cardboard, phone books, shredded paper, shoe box, gift box, toothpastes box</p> <p>Plastics; #1- #7, this includes food and beverage packing materials.</p> <p>Glass; bottles and jars</p> <p>Cans; steel, aluminum</p>	<p>Plastic; cups, plates, utensils, bags, sandwich boxes, straws</p> <p>Foil food wrappers; for burgers, chicken patties, hot sandwiches</p> <p>Styrofoam; trays, cups, plates</p> <p>Chip bags, candy wrappers, stickers and backing, batteries</p>

### Event Recycling Tips

There are many events and activities that happen outside school hours, where staff and community members bring in their own paper plates, cups etc. Please keep the following in mind when purchasing your own products.

Use paper plates and cups instead of plastic or Styrofoam; dispose of them in the **Green Compost Bin**. Stay away from plastic and Styrofoam products if possible, if you do use them (i.e.; plastic forks, spoons) make sure they end up in the **Gray Trash Bin**. Recycling is commingled; paper (that isn't contaminated with food), cans, glass, plastic bottles and milk cartons all go in the **Blue Recycling Bin**.

The two main things to keep in mind;

- Getting all waste in the right container and avoiding contamination of the composting and recycling bins.
- Consolidating. Stacking cups and plates makes a huge impact on shrinking the over all volume.

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