

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES



DCPS Recycles! Program SY 2015-2016

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The DCPS Recycles! Program is designed to fulfill legal requirements; improve building operations; reduce waste of money and natural resources; achieve the SustainableDC target of zero waste by 2032; and teach DCPS students values and skills for a sustainable 21st century.

The goal is to sort all waste properly so as much as possible can be composted or recycled instead of sent to a landfill or incinerator! All DCPS schools are to sort **paper recyclables**, **mixed recyclables**, **non-recyclable trash**, and – in 70 schools this year – **organics**.

To achieve this,

- **Everyone** is expected to participate! All staff and students are to sort waste into bins according to labels and instructions provided.
- **Teachers** are responsible for ensuring blue classroom bins are used for PAPER ONLY.
- **Custodial staff** is responsible for collection. Custodial staff is NOT responsible for sorting – if one person puts trash in a recycling bin everything in it becomes trash.
- **Anyone** can advocate! Ask your principal who is the administrator who has been delegated as responsible for your program.



Common areas



Classrooms and **offices** should each have a bin for collecting PAPER ONLY and **common areas** may have bins for sorting mixed recyclables or paper recyclables. In schools recycling organics, the **cafeteria** will have bins for sorting organics, mixed recyclables and trash.

Classrooms and offices



Cafeteria



The **Department of General Services (DGS)** is responsible for providing hauling services, supplies (bins, lids, labels, compostable liners) and on-site support.

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