

King County Green Schools Program



School Recycling Rate Form

Complete this form as needed to assess your current practices and to help set waste reduction goals. Submit the completed form to your Green Schools Program representative. You can complete this form on your own, or request assistance from your Green Schools Program representative.

Use the same unit of measurement for garbage, recyclables, and organics quantities (cubic yards or pounds).

Step 1: Find total weekly quantity of "waste" leaving the school. This includes garbage, recycling, compost, and any other material that is discarded or thrown away.

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Mass or volume of weekly garbage collected Mass or volume of weekly recycling collected Mass or volume of weekly organics collected Total weekly "waste" generated

Step 2: Calculate the recycling rate using the formula below. A recycling rate is the percentage of materials your school diverts from, or keeps out of, the landfill.

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Weekly recyclables and organics collected Total weekly "waste" generated Weekly Recycling Rate

Step 3: What percent of all waste generated is diverted from the landfill through the collection of recyclables and compostables? (Weekly Recycling Rate X 100) _____%

Step 4: Set a Recycling Rate goal for the next 3 months _____%.

What actions will you take to help reach this goal?

After completing this form share it with your Green Schools Program representative!