

## Mount Baker Middle School

**School district:** Auburn

**School location:** Auburn

**Began participating in the Green Schools Program:** November 2014

**Level One of the Green Schools Program:** Achieved in May 2015

### Waste Reduction and Recycling (Level One)

- The school increased its recycling rate from 56% to 85% by educating students about recycling basics, including milk cartons and classroom paper.
- Garbage collection service was reduced, and recycling collection service was increased.
- Principal Greg Brown shared waste statistics from the district to motivate students and staff to recycle.
- Teacher Erin Carnahan and the student Builder's Club created posters to promote milk carton recycling.
- To reduce food waste, the school maintained a food share area for packaged, unopened non-perishable food items.
- In its cafeteria, the school primarily used durable lunch trays.
- Eighth-grade science classes completed a waste audit during a King County workshop and used the findings to educate students and staff.
- The PTA organized recycling collection for electronics and holiday lights.

