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## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

### Carton Council Tool Helps Schools Reinforce Recycling

Has your recycling program been on an extended break due to the pandemic? Are you managing recycling differently, perhaps with greater focus on recycling from the classroom instead of the cafeteria? Recycling continues to be an important part of the daily school experience regardless of where school takes place - at home, school or a hybrid approach.

The Carton Council team has developed a great resource to support schools during this everchanging time. Our “take-home” flyer can serve as a reminder about the importance of recycling and how to be a better recycler, with an infographic about what happens to your recyclables. Schools in the Carton Council network reported using this resource by sending it home with student meals for the week and even local material recovery facilities (MRFs) have sent the flyer to all local schools in their area. Even with the intention of returning to “our new reality” soon and getting back in the classroom, this tool can be an ongoing resource for students and their households as continuing education to create good recycling habits and to recycle properly. The take-home flyer is available [here](#).



# Resources from Experts to Help you Succeed!

The Carton Council's School Team pulled together some of their favorite resources from across the country to share information and tips from experts in the field that are doing great things for schools.

- Carton Council's [CartonOpportunities.org](https://www.cartoncouncil.org/resources) has go-to resources from a Start Up Guide if you're beginning to set up a program, Schools Best Practices Guide for examples from other schools with successful program, and so many flyers and posters to help educate your students.
- [The Center for Green Schools](https://www.thecenterforgreenschools.org/) offers teachers and school facilities staff opportunities to educate and engage the school around recycling and more. Check out hands on curriculum for all grades on Learning Lab and take action with your community as part of Green Apple Day of Service.
  - USDA Resource to check out:
    - [Reducing Food Waste at K-12 Schools](https://www.fda.gov/food/food-safety-and-inspection-service/food-safety-and-inspection-service-reducing-food-waste-at-k-12-schools)
    - [Creative Solutions for Ending School Food Waste](https://www.fda.gov/food/food-safety-and-inspection-service/food-safety-and-inspection-service-creative-solutions-for-ending-school-food-waste)
- [The Go Green Initiative](https://www.thego-green.org/) is all about helping schools create a campus-wide culture of conservation. Their programs are free and accessible to any school, anywhere.
- EcoCycle has a mission to teach the next generation about recycling and the environment. Through their [Green Star Schools Program](https://www.ecocycle.org/green-star-schools-program), EcoCycle is partnering with schools to increase recycling, implement composting, and reduce special waste through school activities. Their website is full of information about becoming a Green School and tips for parents and teachers.
- [The Green Team](https://www.thegreenteam.org/) is an interactive educational program that empowers students and teachers to help the environment through waste reduction, recycling, composting, energy conservation and pollution prevention. Based in MA, has great resources for any school.
- [Alameda County Stop Waste at School \(CA\)](https://www.alameda-county.gov/stop-waste-at-school) works with students, teachers, and school district staff to become leaders in waste prevention and proper recycling and composting at school. This website is full of great resources that could be used as examples for any school district.
- [The Oakland USD Green Gloves Program](https://www.oaklandusd.org/green-gloves-program) is a national leader in helping schools decrease waste through the efforts of Nutrition and Custodial Services staff. This site includes waste sorting videos and free resources including how to set up a food share table and a waste sorting system, waste-free school party, signage, and more.
- [Green and Healthy Schools Wisconsin](https://www.greenandhealthyschools.org/) empowers, supports, and recognizes schools for nurturing healthy kids and sustainable communities. Their free guide provides suggestions for creating and sustaining a sustainability team and gives background information, tips, and ideas for each of the nine focus areas for school sustainability initiatives.
- [The Center for Ecoliteracy](https://www.thecenterforecoliteracy.org/) is dedicated to cultivating education for sustainable living. They recognize that students need to experience and understand how nature sustains life and how to live accordingly. They work at multiple levels of scale, with local, regional, state, and national programs.

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## Upcoming Webinars

Below is an upcoming webinar that features carton recycling. Click to find out more information.

**Connecticut Outdoor & Environmental Education Association  
School Carton Recycling Webinar**

Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>

Cartons account for a large percentage of a school's discarded materials. An elementary school with 400 students can generate as much as 1,000 cartons daily. Over 5 years, that same school can save the equivalent of nearly 1,500 reams of paper, 72 trees and 28,848 gallons of water just by recycling milk and juice cartons.

Is your school recycling milk and juice cartons? Attend this webinar to find out how. For More Information and to register click [here](#)



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