

Let's Go!

- **The MD Code, Educational Article §4-127 and PGCPS Administrative Procedures 2810 and 2810.1 require ALL schools to develop and implement consistent schoolwide recycling in cafeterias, classrooms, offices and other areas.**
- Schools will form a Green Team with the Principal, Recycling Coordinator, and Building Supervisor.
- Principals must select a Recycling Coordinator (from the instructional staff) to work with students, the Building Supervisor, and other staff to recycle at school.
- Involve students in educating and motivating the school community.

Know How to Recycle Correctly

- Review the acceptable items (next page), take the *Trash or Recycling?* Quiz online, and view more resources on the PGCPS Recycling Website.
- **Place only acceptable materials in the bin.** Unacceptable items contaminate the load of recyclables and can result in the materials being sent to the landfill.
- **Lock recycling dumpsters to prevent trash contamination; the recycling truck will empty a locked dumpster.** PGCPS recycling dumpsters have an auto-release locking mechanism. Padlocks were issued to all schools and facilities.
- Clearly label all collection bins, and place PGCPS trash and recycling posters above bins. Print posters and labels from the PGCPS Recycling Website or order from the Print Shop.

Visit the PGCPS Recycling Website, www.pgcps.org/recycling, for:

- Acceptable materials in PGCPS recycling bins;
- *What Goes in My PGCPS Recycling Bin?* Activity;
- Printable posters, labels and signs;
- Recycling bin information;
- Recycling dumpster pickup schedule;
- Recycling guidelines, educational resources, and more!

Contact the Recycling Team

Recycling.Program@pgcps.org
Building Services Recycling Office
301-952-6544



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Prince George's County Public Schools Recycling Program

Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) can recycle materials via mixed (single stream) recycling bins and dumpsters, warehouse pickup, and ink and toner return programs.

Acceptable items in PGCPS recycling bins and dumpsters:

Paper

- ✓ Office paper (place shredded paper in a clear plastic bag), colored paper
- ✓ Envelopes, files, folders, notebooks and notebook paper, catalogs, junk mail
- ✓ Paper bags, newspapers (including inserts), magazines, posters
- ✓ Wrapping paper (no plastic or glitter)

Cardboard

- ✓ Cardboard (flatten boxes)
- ✓ Empty milk/juice cartons and juice boxes (remove straw)

Plastic

- ✓ Empty plastic containers numbered 1, 2, 3, 5, or 7
- ✓ Empty plastic bottles and caps, plastic drink cups (No #6 plastics)
- ✓ Empty plastic narrow-neck and wide-mouth containers, including caps and lids
- ✓ Empty plastic cereal bowls (remove paper top), fruit/salad cups and lids (No #6 plastics)

Metal

- ✓ Empty metal food and beverage containers and lids
- ✓ Aluminum foil, aluminum pie pans
- ✓ Empty metal cans (for soup, vegetable, fruit, etc.)

Glass

- ✓ Empty food and beverage containers of any color

Unacceptable Items—Do not place these items in PGCPS recycling containers:

- Textbooks, furniture, electronics and accessories, scrap metal—complete a Material Transfer Form to schedule a warehouse recycling pickup
- Empty ink cartridges and toner tubes—return to manufacturer via included pre-paid labels
- ✗ NO #6 Plastics (our recycling facility does not accept #6 plastics), no Styrofoam or Polystyrene
- ✗ NO Food
- ✗ NO Dirty/Food-soiled paper trays, plates, or pizza boxes, NO paper cups
- ✗ NO Tissues or napkins
- ✗ NO Plastic utensils, straws, condiment packets
- ✗ NO Plastic bags/film—no trash bags, sandwich bags, grocery bags, bubble wrap, etc.
- ✗ NO Snack packaging—chip bags, granola/energy bar wrappers, candy wrappers, etc.
- ✗ NO Drink or food pouches
- ✗ NO Hazardous materials, broken glass; No Branches or yard materials



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