

ZERO WASTE CHAMPION: HOW TO...

Organize a School Waste Audit

SUPPLIES:

School Waste Stations • Gloves • Tarps (3) • Scale • Pick-up tools • Audit template • Camera

OVERVIEW:

- 1) Select a few waste stations to audit. Weigh each container.
- 2) Lay out tarps next to each commodity (recycle, compost, landfill—color coded if available). Dump the contents onto the three separate tarps.
- 3) Take a moment to look at the dumped contents and discuss the correct/incorrect sorting you see.
- 4) Aid student and staff volunteers in correctly re-sorting the materials into the correct containers.
- 5) Weigh the containers again.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS:

- For helpful data collection, assign a photographer and a note taker. These individuals can document the specific sorting issues that are occurring.
- Feel free to contact GreenWaste of Palo Alto for assistance—(650)493-4894.

PLEASE SEE FOLLOWING AUDIT TEMPLATE



School Waste Audit Template

RECYCLE	COMPOST	LANDFILL
ORIGINAL WEIGHT OF MATERIAL		
COMMON CORRECTLY SORTED ITEMS		
COMMON INCORRECTLY SORTED ITEMS		
END WEIGHT OF MATERIAL		

