GREEN TEAM Member Application

Our school is going Zero Waste! This means everyone must do their very best to recycle as much as they can, every day. To help your school achieve its Zero Waste goals, we have started a Green Team. If you are a leader, would like to learn how to become one, or if you just want to support your school's sustainability and recycling efforts, join the Green Team!

Here's what you can expect from joining:

- Go on cool trips to NYC environmental landmarks
- Become an expert in environmental issues
- Influence change in your school
- Earn community service credits
- Work on projects
- Make new friends while having fun!

If you are interested in being a Green Team member, please complete the form below and return it to

_____ *in room* _____ *no later than* _____.

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Name: _____ Class: _____

Have you volunteered before? (Circle one): Yes No

If yes, please describe this experience. If no, explain why being a leader for sustainability in your school is important.

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What kind of projects and activities would you like to do with the Green Team?

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Describe how you would like to see your school change for the better.

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RECYCLING MONITOR Sign-Up Sheet

Calling all leaders!! Sign up below to become a RECYCLING MONITOR for your school.

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GREEN TEAM Sign In Sheet

Being a leader and making change in your school community takes time. A big part of being on the Green Team is showing up for every meeting. Please fill in your name and write in your initials for each meeting you attend.

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ACTIVITY Classroom Bin Check

Write the room number below.	 Check each box if the color bin is in the room.	 Are the 3 bins together?	 Are the signs above the bins?
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RECYCLING INSPECTION Rating Chart

Use this chart to assess recycling behaviors in the classrooms and offices in your school. Use the recycling inspection rating cards to assign a letter grade to each room. In the feedback column below, write information that would be useful – for example, if there is a specific item in the wrong bin, or if the room needs an additional bin or signage, this is a good space to note this.

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INSPECTION RATING GUIDE

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C: Bins are more than 50% contaminated

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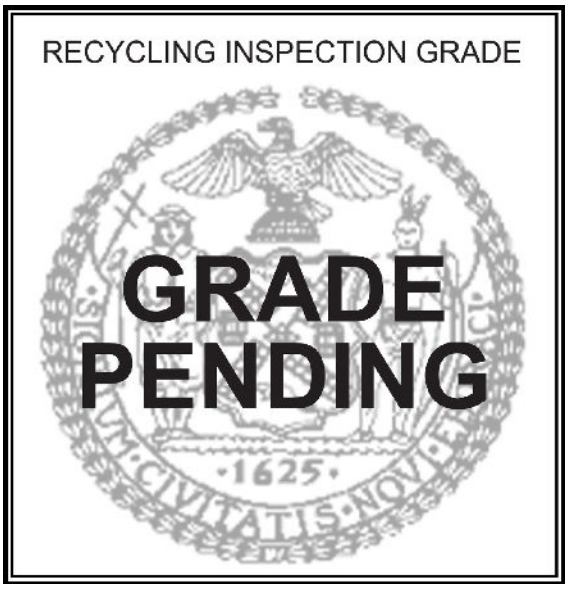
RECYCLING INSPECTION Rating Cards



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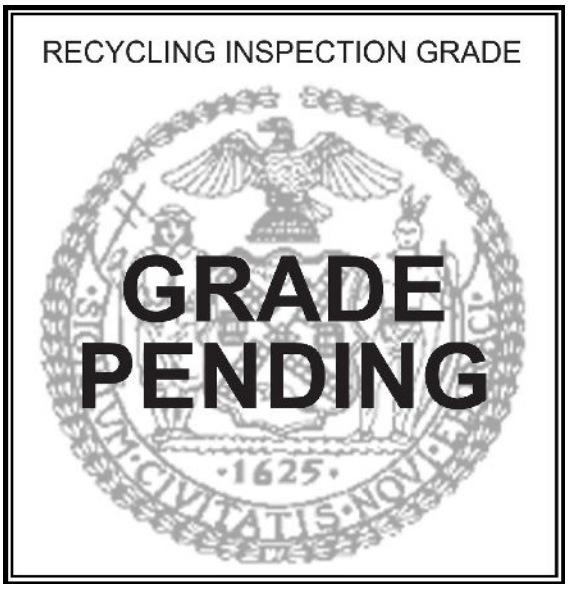

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RECYCLING CHART What Goes Where?

While you might know the basics of NYC recycling, there are always those small, key items that make you think twice about how to properly sort them. This checklist eliminates the guessing game by providing you with color-coded answers to how to recycle these tricky items. Post it in your classroom for your students to see, or keep it by your desk and help answer questions that may arise.

Material	Recyclable	
	Yes	No
Books, Paperback ONLY	X	
Candy Wrapper, Sort Plastic		X
Candy Wrapper, Paper	X	
Capri Sun Juice Pouches		X
Cardboard Boxes	X	
Chip Bags		X
Cups, Hard Plastic (yogurt, fruit, drinking)	X	
Crayons		X
Glue Sticks or Bottles	X	
Juice Boxes/Cartons	X	
Lunchables Boxes	X	
Milk Cartons	X	
Napkins or Tissues		X
Paper (staples are OK)	X	
Paper, shredded	X	
Paper Bags, clean	X	
Paper Bags, dirty/greasy		X
Paper Boat Trays Clean	X	
Paper Boat Tray Dirty (greasy, soiled)		X
Paper Cups	X	
Pens (including markers)		X
Pencils, Mechanical	X	
Pencils, Wooden		X
Pencil Shavings		X
Photographs		X
Post – Its	X	
Scissors	X	
Stickers		X
Straws	X	
Straw Wrappers, Paper	X	
Straw Wrappers, Soft Plastic		X
To-Go Food Containers (empty)	X	
Utensils, Non-Compostable Plastic	X	

KEY:

X – Paper Bin

X – Metal, Hard Plastic and Carton Bin

X – Trash Bin

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GREEN BIN / LABEL
CLEAN MIXED PAPER & CARDBOARD

If you can rip it, you can recycle it!

BLUE BIN / LABEL
METAL, HARD PLASTIC GLASS & CARTONS

If it's mostly metal, you can recycle it!

GREY BIN / TRASH ONLY LABEL
TRASH ONLY

Any soft plastic I can smash, goes in the trash!

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