

Recycling in the Classroom

Teacher Tips for Reducing Waste and Encouraging Recycling

TIP	Provide one recycling bin and one trash can side by side in each classroom
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Wherever there is a trash can there should be a recycling bin beside it ✓ They are like salt and pepper, they go together
TIP	Place both bins near your desk to monitor what is going in the bin
TIP	Post signage listing what can and cannot be recycled and review with your students
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Flyers from Charleston County Environmental Management are available from your Green Liaison.
TIP	Assign a “Green Room Parent” (like a Homeroom Mom/Dad)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ A sample letter is available for teachers to send out requesting a Green Parent Volunteer for their classroom. This parent would help the teacher and other parents make greener choices for class parties and field trips. Additionally, this parent would help the teacher make their classroom greener by organizing such things as: a paper reuse center, a scrap paper reuse box or other creative ideas inspired by students or other parents.
	
TIP	Recycle Right
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Student helpers, students of the week, and any special recognition for students are the opportunity to give them a special privilege of being a recycle monitor for the classroom. Award those students you catch recycling right. Charleston County can provide recycling promotional items for rewarding this behavior in your classroom.
	
TIP	Educational Presentations
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Classroom presentations are available from Charleston County Environmental Management and go hand in hand with science curriculum standards that address environmental issues. A presentation can be made to any grade level and customized for any particular topic you would like to be addressed from “What you Can and Can’t Recycle” to the conservation and environmental issues that answer the question of “Why Recycle?”
	

Note: Some of these guidelines will not be suitable for every grade level. This is a general guideline free to be creativity interpreted by each individual teacher.