



### SECTION 1: TRASH DISPOSAL AT YOUR SCHOOL

To answer the following questions, you may want to interview school personnel who manage the school's trash disposal service and/or review billing statements from the trash disposal service:

1. How many dumpsters for non-recyclables does your school have?

- 1-2       3-4       5-6       7+

2. How often are they emptied?

- Daily       Twice a week       Weekly

3. On average, how full is each dumpster when it is emptied?

DUMPSTER 1	DUMPSTER 2	DUMPSTER 3	DUMPSTER 4	DUMPSTER 5	DUMPSTER 6
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4. Who empties the dumpsters?

- Local Government (city, county)       Private hauler       Other: \_\_\_\_\_

5. What does your school pay for trash disposal services?

Monthly: \_\_\_\_\_      Annually: \_\_\_\_\_

6. If figures are available from billing statements, how much garbage is thrown away by your school (tons or cubic yards)?

Monthly: \_\_\_\_\_      Annually: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Where is the trash taken or where does it end up? Be specific.

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### SECTION 2: RECYCLING AT YOUR SCHOOL

1. Does your school have a recycling program?

- Yes
- No

2. What is recycled at your school?

- Paper and cardboard
- Aluminum cans
- Plastic bottles, jars and jugs
- Glass containers
- Printer cartridges
- Copier cartridges
- Computers
- TVs and other electronics
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

3. How many recycling containers does your school have?

- 1-25
- 26-50
- 51-75
- 76-100
- 101+

4. Where are recycling containers located at your school?

- Classrooms
- Hallways
- Cafeteria
- Playgrounds
- Gym
- Offices
- Copy rooms
- Athletic fields
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Who empties the recycling containers in your school building?

- Students
- Teachers
- Custodial staff
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

6. How often are they emptied?

- Daily
- Twice a week
- Weekly

7. Does your school have an indoor area for storing recyclables?

- Yes
- No

8. Does your school have an outdoor area for storing recyclables?

- Yes
- No

9. Who picks up the collected recyclables and takes them to a recycling facility?

- City or county
- Private hauler
- Environmental club or other
- School staff
- Volunteers take them to a recycling facility
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Where do your recyclables go after they are taken from the school? Be specific.

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11. What does your school pay for recycling services?

Monthly: \_\_\_\_\_ Annually: \_\_\_\_\_

12. Does your school receive any income from recyclables?

- Yes
- No

If yes, how much? \_\_\_\_\_



### SECTION 3: COMPOSTING AT YOUR SCHOOL

1. Does your school have a compost program?

- Yes       No

2. Does your school leave grass clippings on the lawn/athletic fields?

- Yes       No

3. Does your school rake up leaves?

- Yes       No

If yes, what happens to them?

- They're composted at school.       They're taken to a composting facility.       They're taken to a landfill.

4. Does your school compost other yard trimmings (e.g., flowers, grass, weeds, dead branches, tree limbs)?

- Yes       No

If yes, what is composted?

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5. What does your school do with food waste?

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### SECTION 4: PURCHASING, REDUCING AND REUSING

To answer the following questions, you may want to interview the personnel who manage the school's environmental policies and oversee the purchasing of school supplies. This may include contacting your school's district office.

1. Does your school or district buy recycled-content office paper?

- Yes       No

2. Does your school or district buy other items made from recycled materials?

- Yes       No

If yes, list them.

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3. Does your school or district buy items in bulk to reduce the amount of packaging and save money?

- Yes       No

If yes, list them.

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4. Does your school save paper by:

- Storing records electronically?.....  Yes    No
- Communicating via email? .....  Yes    No
- Communicating via school website? .....  Yes    No
- Managing finances electronically? .....  Yes    No
- Giving tests online? .....  Yes    No
- Printing on both sides of the paper? .....  Yes    No
- Reusing scrap paper? .....  Yes    No

5. Does your school reduce waste by:

- Reusing large kitchen food storage containers? .....  Yes    No
- Serving food on reusable trays?.....  Yes    No
- Using metal silverware instead of disposable utensils?.....  Yes    No
- Donating unclaimed "lost" items to charity? .....  Yes    No
- Sponsoring swap days? .....  Yes    No
- Salvaging items for reuse when lockers are emptied at the end of the school year? .....  Yes    No

6. When classes go on field trips, do they:

- Recycle the cans and bottles they brought with them?.....  Yes    No
- Minimize the amount of trash they generate by using lunch boxes or cloth bags and reusable containers? .....  Yes    No