

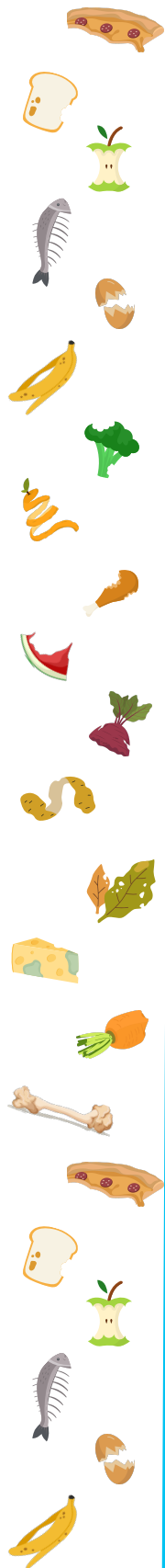
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SAMPLE LUNCHROOM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Below are sample Federal Way announcements for compost programs kick-off. Point to each container as you discuss it and use actual items as props if possible!

- Our school is excited to have recycling and composting in the cafeteria! You will see blue containers in our lunch room for recycling and green containers for composting. Let's make sure we are experts on where things go!
- First let's talk about blue recycling. Raise your hand if the item I name is recyclable [say each one and pause for hand response]: Empty plastic bottle, empty aluminum can, sheet of paper, cardboard box. If you raised your hand for each of those items- you are correct! Give your self a pat on the back! These recyclable items are collected and turned into new bottles, cans, and paper! Remember, **ONLY** these items can go in the blue recycling container.
- The grey container is for garbage. Items like plastic utensils, straws, plastic bags, potato chip bags, candy wrappers, milk cartons, plastic cups are garbage and will go in the grey container.
- Let's see what goes in the green composting containers! First, what is composting? Guesses? Composting turns natural items like food scraps into soil to grow new plants! It only takes eight weeks to turn our old food scraps into soil. The soil is used to grow plants and new food! Items that go in the green containers are food you cannot finish (even meat and dairy) and napkins. Remember- **NOOOOOOOO PLASTIC** in the compost. Most plastic goes in the garbage.
- Although composting is wonderful- remember- **THE BEST** thing to do with your food and with your drinks like milk is to finish them! Cows worked hard to make the milk you drink and farmers worked hard to grow our food. Try your best to eat what you have.
- Thumbs up if you now know which items are go in recycling or composting. If you ever have questions, please ask us. Great work everyone!"
- "Remember to sort your items correctly. The green container is for food scraps and napkins to compost. Remember – **NOOOOOOOO plastic** in the compost.
- The blue container is for recyclables. Only put empty bottles, cans, clean paper, and cardboard in the blue containers.

Additional examples can be found from [King County Green Schools](#)



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SAMPLE MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Morning announcements

Our school now recycles and composts!
Remember to sort items correctly after you eat your lunch.

Green containers are for compostable items. Items to place in the green container are: food scraps- even meat, napkins, and paper towels.
NOOOOOOOOOO PLASTIC. Items are turned into soil in just 8 weeks for flowers to grow!

Blue containers are for recyclable items. Items to place in the blue container are: empty bottles, cans, clean paper, and cardboard.
Recycling will turn these items into new items!

Grey containers are for garbage. Items that need to be put in the garbage are: milk cartons, plastic bags, plastic utensils, straws, potato chip bags, candy wrappers.

If you are not sure where something goes, ask a teacher, or look at the sign on the side of each container.

Remember- sorting is great- but the BEST option is to try to finish your lunch and drink your milk or beverage.

Thank you for doing a great job!



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SAMPLE NEWSLETTER

For newsletter or email to staff, students, or community members:

Recycling and Composting!

Our school now recycles and composts! Our cafeteria has new collection containers to help us reduce waste. There are new green containers for compost collection and blue containers for recycling collection.

Compostable items for green composting containers include food scraps (meat and dairy are fine), napkins and paper towels. Food scraps are sent to a local composting facility and turned into soil in just 8 weeks! Soil is used on local landscapes and gardens.

Composting is wonderful, but eating food and drinking milk or beverages is even better! Remind students to try to finish their lunch.

Recyclable items for blue containers include: empty plastic bottles, metal cans, clean paper, and cardboard. Recyclables are turned into new items.

Some items need to be thrown in the garbage. Items that are garbage include: milk cartons, plastic bags, plastic utensils, straws, potato chip bags, candy wrappers.

When packing lunch, consider waste free and reusable options: [Pack A Waste-Free Lunch | US EPA](#) Thank you for making a positive impact and reducing waste!

