

Dear Schools,

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! I am looking forward to working with all school sites to help you create and achieve waste reduction plans in alignment with state laws such as AB 341 and AB 1826, which mandate commercial recycling and composting at sites generating more than 4 cubic yards of solid waste per week. This letter outlines the services that we can provide to your site. I have also included a packet of resources to help you achieve your waste reduction goals this year.

Marin Sanitary Service is in a unique position to provide complete recycling and composting collection combined with an educational opportunity for any school or classroom (K-12) interested in participating. Our goal is to educate, equip and empower school districts, individual schools and/or classrooms to develop comprehensive waste reduction and recycling plans.

What we can provide:

- An assessment and evaluation of your recycling and composting needs
- Waste audits
- Detailed plans to help you develop and implement a successful program using tools such as infrastructure, education, and collection
- Curbside recycling containers sufficient to provide reasonable distribution on the campus
- Organics collection for yard waste and food waste
- Special cardboard collection service
- Multiple service locations on the campus (Provided our trucks can access the location)
- More than one day per week service
- Educational tours of our facility (free of charge!); students and staff will have the opportunity to see how their materials are processed at our facility and bring back important lessons for application on your campus

Next Steps:

- 1. Review the other files in your school packet I have compiled helpful resources to help you get a jump start on your waste reduction plans for the school year. Resources in this packet include:
 - a. Sample schedule for implementation of recycling and composting on your campus
 - b. General waste tips and instructions for conducting a service level audit and sorting accuracy audit
 - c. Service Level Audit Worksheet
 - d. Sorting Accuracy Audit Worksheet
 - e. 4R Planet Educational Program Information
 - f. Flier about free MSS Facility Tours
 - g. Informational fliers for you to distribute: Zero Waste Lunches and Zero Waste Classrooms
- 2. Use the attached Assessment tools to begin your internal assessment of your recycling and waste needs.
- **3.** Contact Casey Fritz, your School & Community Recycling Coordinator, for help with a waste assessment and an evaluation of your recycling.



The services listed above can provide you with a foundation to build a program at your school using students in leadership roles combined with staff and parent coordinators. Our experience has shown the more hands that get involved with recycling and composting, the more successful the program!

I hope to hear from you soon if you are interested in any of the services listed above; please use the contact information in my signature. I am here to support you as your strive to increase your recycling and composting in order to reduce landfill waste. Together, your school and MSS can be partners in the continuing journey toward waste reduction and diversion from our landfills!

Best,

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