

Parent's note

This survey is part of our classroom's commitment to learn more about how we can reduce garbage and make recycling information "real" for your child. We'll discuss the classroom data as a whole (no individual results) so that children gain insight into what everyone does to reduce garbage.

Did you know?



Recycling makes a measurable difference.

Since the beginning of the CRD Blue Box program, residents have recycled more than 200,000 tonnes of material.

For more information, visit:

www.crd.bc.ca/recycle

Garbage Habits at Home

Student Survey

Check all the boxes that apply to your family's garbage habits. Don't worry if, in some questions, none of the answers apply to you. Just leave that question blank and go on to the next.

Garbage

1. In the last week my family threw out _____ cans or bags of garbage.

Recycling

2. Where I live:

- _____ We recycle in our own blue box and blue recycling bag
_____ We recycle in big recycling totes or bins
_____ We take some or all of our recyclables to a recycling depot
_____ We return recyclable beverage containers for a refund
_____ Other (explain) _____

3. These are all the things we recycle at home:

- _____ Newspapers
_____ Magazines, writing paper, envelopes, (even with windows), junk mail and other papers
_____ Cardboard and paperboard boxes (like cereal or shoe boxes)
_____ Glass bottles and jars
_____ Plastic milk jugs
_____ Polycoat containers (like soup boxes and cartons of juice)
_____ Pizza boxes
_____ Rigid plastic containers (like shampoo bottles, cleaning products and yogurt containers)
_____ Metal cans
_____ Clean aluminum plates and foil
_____ Other items such as _____

4. As far as composting goes in my home, we have

- _____ A curbside kitchen scraps tote _____ A worm compost bin
_____ A backyard compost bin _____ A backyard digester bin

5. We compost the following items:

- _____ Orange peels and apple cores
_____ Coffee grounds and tea bags
_____ Washed eggshells
_____ Grass clippings
_____ Dead flowers
_____ Other (explain) _____

Did you know?

Household hazardous waste (HHW) is any waste from your home that you consider to be dangerous or of which you are unsure.

It includes any leftover household product that is marked flammable,



corrosive, explosive or poison.

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Yard and Garden Trimmings

6. When we mow the lawn or clean up the garden we:

- Leave the grass clippings on the lawn
- Put grass and garden trimmings in our backyard compost bin
- Take grass and garden trimmings to a drop-off facility

Household Hazardous Waste

7. We take the following items to an approved recycling or disposal depot:

- Paint, paint thinners and solvents
- Pesticides
- Motor oil and oil filters
- Batteries (household and lead-acid)
- Automotive fluids
- Cleaners
- Swimming pool and spa/hot tub chemicals
- Empty propane tanks
- Thermostats and smoke detectors
- Cell phones
- Compact fluorescent lightbulbs (CFLs)
- Unused or expired medicine

Rethinking

8. When I pack my lunch I use:

- A reusable lunch bag
- A thermos or reusable bottle for my drink
- Reusable containers to hold my food
- Other (explain) _____

9. Before I buy something, I ask myself:

- Do I really need this or can I use something I already have?
- Can I buy it with less packaging?
- Can it be used again and again?
- Can someone else use it when I'm finished with it?
- Can it be recycled after I'm finished with it?
- Other (explain) _____

10. I encourage other people in my home to reduce, reuse and recycle:

- All the time
- Sometimes

11. Here are three things I will do to reduce garbage in my house:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____