

Where are the Savings?

Closer Than You Think:

Recycling is always a savings for the environment, and it could be a savings for your budget too.

Recycling Bins for Every Class Room: **FREE***
 Staff, Faculty and Student Education: **FREE***
 Recycling Services: **36% Less than Trash⁺**

*Provided by Santa Barbara County Public Works at no charge to county schools.
⁺County wide average.

Real Savings:

Goleta Union School District saves an estimated **\$47,000 to \$71,000 per year** by recycling! Their schools recycle between **50% and 67%** of their waste, including green waste and oil.

The superintendent and school board members encouraged principals and faculty to become invested in the recycling program. **It Worked.**

Waste reduction measures, such as removing styrofoam trays and replacing them with reusable trays, were also effectively taken.

They are doing the right thing and protecting their students' environment. At the same time they are keeping their money where it should be - in the classroom and out of the trash can!

How is it Possible?

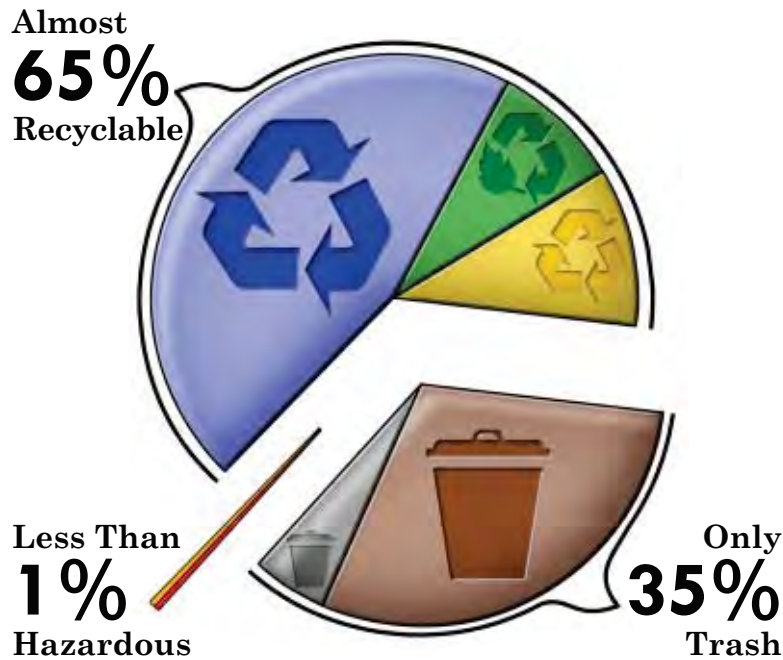
Understand Your Waste Profile:

School waste can be up to **80% recyclable**, so it's easy for schools to be green and save green!

Santa Barbara County Public Works can help to assess exactly how much your schools could be recycling and saving.

Sample School Waste Profile:*

At a glance below; explained further at right.



*Based on school waste characterizations by the CA Integrated Waste Management Board.

What's in School Waste?†

Recyclable Waste:

In-Class Recycling:	45.6%
Cardboard	All Metal & Cans
Work Paper	All Hard Plastic #1-7
Mail & Magazines	Glass Bottles & Jars
Green Waste Recycling:	8.6%
Leaves & Prunings	Other Yard Waste
Other Recycling:	10.6%
Furniture	Motor Oil
Large Appliances	Latex-Based Paint
Plastic Bags & Film	Construction Debris

Trash:

Compostable Trash:	29.8%
Paper Towels	Food Waste
Unrecyclable Trash:	4.8%
All Styrofoam	Paper Milk Cartons

Hazardous Waste:

Household Hazardous Waste:	0.3%
Lab Chemicals	Oil-Based Paint
Cleaning Supplies	Biology Lab Waste
Universal Waste:	0.3%
Televisions	All Batteries
Fluorescent Bulbs	Computers & Parts

†Numbers based on previously mentioned study. Every school has a different waste profile.

Is Help Available?

Santa Barbara Co. Public Works Will Help:

- Û Create a district-wide recycling plan.
- Û Perform waste audits to identify where you can reduce your waste and your costs.
- Û Figure out your collection costs and work with your waste hauler to find savings.
- Û Educate faculty and staff about the program's benefits for the environment and the schools.
- Û Meet with PTA and School Board members.
- Û Provide curriculum-fulfilling education for students through Art from Scrap.
- Û Supply in-class recycling bins to every class, office and computer lab.
- Û Follow up to make sure everything is running smoothly, like you wanted it to.

Û **Provide all of this assistance FREE!**

Call (805) 882-3600 to start today!

For more information, please visit our website

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