

# Events

Ensure recycling and composting at events (PTA meetings, open house, potlucks, etc.).

- Provide student monitors or volunteers to help sort.
- Provide a washable party kit for classes.

Parents, students or volunteers wash, dry, &



return kit.

Require tenants to participate in recycling and composting,

- Pre-schools
- Daycares
- Camps
- Boy Scouts & others

# Buying & Donating

Review purchasing:

- buy compostable or recyclable items, avoid one use/disposable items.
- encourage students to re-use supplies rather than buy new each year.

At the end & start of year, donate unwanted items, supplies, furniture & classroom equipment.

- Provide and arrange pickup for a centralized donation box.

# Contact

For more information, questions, and printable resources please email:  
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# Green Schools Challenge

School Guide to meeting state laws  
AB 1826 & AB 341  
and Alameda County mandates  
2012-01 & 2008-01



**Best Practices**  
Checklist

# Laws

New state and county laws mandate that all schools correctly recycle and compost waste. Failing schools can be cited/fined.

We recommend:

- creating a school green team to oversee compliance and
- working through items on this checklist.

# Audits

Conduct waste audits

- at lunch
- in classrooms
- in bathrooms
- in offices
- in dumpsters

to identify areas that need improvement.

# Set-up

Have the right color cans

- in classrooms, offices, & lunch areas.



- in bathrooms (Paper towels are compostable.)



- Group cans together in three stream stations.

- Remove any single standing cans. They attract mixed waste.

- Choose smaller trash cans where ever possible. Try caddies in offices



- Make sure all bins



have well placed & correct signage.

Find printable signs at [altamonteab.org](http://altamonteab.org)

# Education

This program involves everyone on site. Check out lesson plans, videos, songs and other resources at [altamonteab.org](http://altamonteab.org).

- Send out annual info & reminders to all staff.

- Provide training and info for new staff.

- Educate students each year about recycling and composting (see online lesson plans & guides).

- Provide student and parent green team monitors at lunch to help students sort.

- Check custodians and kitchen staff know how to sort waste correctly.