

Accessing recycling services for WA Government Schools

Who can pick up my recycling?

WA Government schools in the Perth metropolitan area purchase waste services through the Common Use Arrangement (CUA 36309) for General Waste Disposal and Recycling.

There are three suppliers on the CUA who pick up both recycling and general waste; Perthwaste, SITA and Veolia.

Why recycle at school?

Recycling is good for the environment as valuable resources aren't wasted, and sending waste to landfill is expensive. That's a great incentive to increase recycling at school.

Schools can decide to opt for a smaller general waste bin size or to use fewer bins and add a recycling collection for co-mingled waste and/or paper and cardboard. Some schools may save money by doing this!



Recycling at school is a positive way to teach students to divert waste from landfill.



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What can you do?

1. Look at the recycling options in CUA 36309 – the recycling services are cheaper than the general waste to landfill option. Information is available in the *Government Contract Directory Education Edition, General Waste Disposal and Recycling Service Buyers' Guide and Price Schedule* (page 69) www.contracts.wa.finance.wa.gov.au/GCD.html
2. Assess the type of recycling materials your school creates. Consider whether paper and/ or co-mingled recycling could occur, and how many bins and pickups you will need.
3. Choose the service provider that best suits your needs or speak to your current CUA service provider to adjust bin size and pickup frequency. You can also arrange for the addition of a paper and cardboard recycling bin and/or co-mingled recycling bins.

The WasteSorted Schools program

WasteSorted Schools encourages schools to REDUCE, reuse and recycle waste through teaching critical thinking and inquiry skills for long-term behaviour change.

Establishing recycling is an easy first step.

- Avoid contamination of recycling through education, student involvement and signage.
- Check out the free resources available, such as professional learning workshops, curriculum and grants that help schools set up recycling infrastructure and embed waste reduction education.
- Link to Sustainability as a cross curricular priority and support your students to learn practical skills to live more sustainably with regards to waste and consumption.

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