

# Accessing recycling services for WA government schools



## 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.

## Who can pick up my recycling?

WA government schools in the Perth metropolitan area purchase waste services through the Common Use Arrangement (CUA WAS2016) for General Waste Disposal and Recycling. There are two suppliers on the CUA who pick up both recycling and general waste: Suez Recycling and Recovery and Cleanaway.



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## What can you do?

1. Look at the recycling options in CUA WAS2016 – the recycling services are cheaper than the general waste to landfill option. Information is available at [www.wa.gov.au/government/cuas/waste-disposal-and-recycling-services-cuawas2016](http://www.wa.gov.au/government/cuas/waste-disposal-and-recycling-services-cuawas2016).
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 Waste Wise Schools Program

Waste Wise 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, which 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 regard to waste and consumption.

For more information about the Waste Wise Schools Program visit [www.wastewise.wa.gov.au](http://www.wastewise.wa.gov.au)