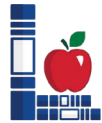


Kooser Elementary Waste Management

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Lincoln Public Schools

SUSTAINABILITY

• • • Kooser is getting a waste management upgrade!

Did you know that 61 LPS buildings are collecting food waste and other organic material to be composted?

Kooser has been participating in the compost program in the cafeteria for years but it will now be available throughout the entire building.

Recycling is also getting a refresh with building wide signage and other upgrades.



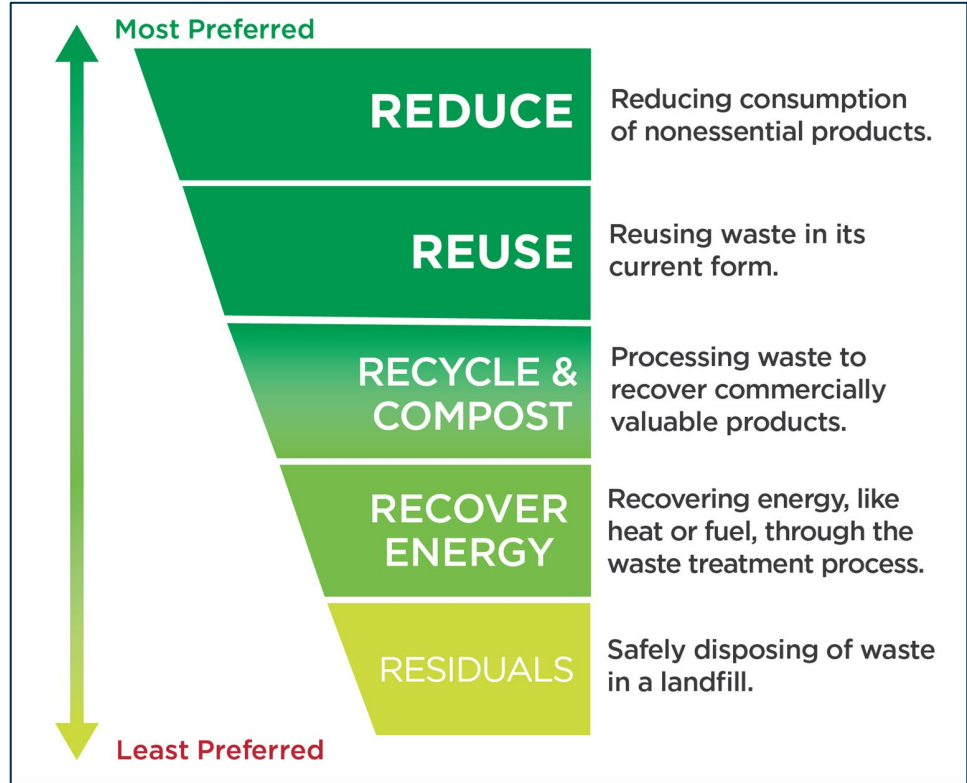
Waste Management Revitalization



This is also a time to evaluate current practices and procedures in order to improve opportunities for REDUCING and REUSING first.

Recycling and composting are great, but those are the last option before landfilling. The easiest waste to manage is the waste that isn't generated in the first place!

Click [HERE](#) to get more information on reducing and reusing from the City of Lincoln Solid Waste Management Division.



Now that you are thinking about reducing and reusing, lets cover what to do with waste that still needs to be sorted!

RECYCLING COMPOSTING LANDFILL



Container Reset



Promote waste reduction by reducing the size and number of waste containers in the building and creating a standardized waste set up.

- Ensure containers are in a standard location, side by side, and appropriately sized
 - A recycling bin on its own will collect trash
 - A trash bin on its own will collect recyclables
- Label all bins with uniform signage



New Classroom Waste Stations



Waste stations now have appropriately sized bins with clear labels for paper recycling, compost, and landfill.

Restrooms

COMPOST
Paper Towels Only
No Trash



You will also see compost signs in all restrooms. Previous trash cans have now been converted to compost bins for PAPER TOWELS ONLY.

Paper towels make great compost material, and we will now be capturing all of the paper towel waste to be composted instead of landfilled.

Small LANDFILL containers will also be placed in restrooms for any trash items that may need to be thrown away in that space.



What's with the Landfill labels?

TRASH : WASTE : GARBAGE: RUBBISH

You may have noticed some new labels on the trash cans. These not only serve to distinguish them from containers meant for recycling or composting, they also act as a reminder of where our trash is going.

THROW IT "AWAY"

A familiar phrase, but the truth is that there is no "away". All of our waste must go somewhere. In Lincoln, our waste goes to the Bluff Road Landfill.



Waste by Category



What goes in PAPER?



- Almost all types of paper are acceptable:
 - Copy Paper - all colors
 - Post-it Notes
 - Envelopes
 - File Folders
 - Cardstock
 - Newspaper
 - Magazines
- Staples are okay, but paper clips and binder clips need to be removed
- **NO laminated material, paper towels, paper dishes, food wrappers, tissue paper**

What goes in COMPOST?



- Soiled and food related paper products
 - Paper towels, napkins, tissues, plates, cups, and other paper dishes
- Other compostable dishes
 - Dishes that say compostable / biodegradable
- ALL leftover food
 - This includes meat, dairy, and any other food scraps

Do NOT put office paper, plastic, foil, metal, styrofoam or other non biodegradable materials in the compost bin

What goes in COMPOST?

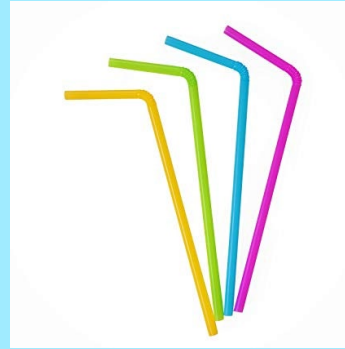


What goes in LANDFILL?



- All items that do not fit into one of the recycling or composting categories should go into these LANDFILL containers
- Laminated paper, broken pencils, plastic straws, plastic cutlery, tin foil, plastic and foil wrappers, and styrofoam are a few examples
- **Whenever you have to place something in this bin - stop and think: What could I do next time to be able to Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, or Compost instead?**

What goes in LANDFILL?



What goes in CANS & PLASTIC?



- **EMPTY** beverage containers that are aluminum or plastic
 - They do not have to be spotless, but please do your best to empty (and even give a quick rinse if needed) when possible.
- Lids are okay to leave on the container
- Other plastics #1 - 5 are also acceptable
- **NO** plastic straws, plastic cutlery, plastic wrappers, styrofoam, or aluminum foil

What goes in CANS & PLASTIC?



What about CARDBOARD?



Contact your Custodial Team to learn more about what to do with your emptied corrugated cardboard.

Cardboard cannot have any food residue on it (pizza boxes cannot be recycled).

Did you know corrugated cardboard is banned from the Bluff Road Landfill? LPS is already doing their part to recycle this material at all of our buildings.

Whole School Composting Kahoot

Practice sorting your waste with this fun Kahoot game!



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THANK YOU for joining
our schools in the
district-wide effort to
divert waste from the
landfill through recycling
& composting!



Still have questions? Have any suggestions or comments? Contact the Sustainability Department



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