



EVANSTON/SKOKIE
SCHOOL DISTRICT 65

Every Child, Every Day, Whatever it Takes

Improve and Increase School Recycling

October 2023

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Collaboration with D65 and City of Evanston.

Key Collaborators include:

- ★ City of Evanston Solid Waste Coordinator
- ★ D65 Sustainability Coordinator
- ★ D65 Custodial Manager & Custodians
- ★ D65 Schools Team
- ★ D65 Curriculum Team



[D65 Sustainability Focus: 23-24 School Year](#), Waste & Circularity item #4

Project Scope and Goals



Scope: Applies to all D65 Schools, across the entire district including the Warehouse.

Goals:

- Improve recycling by reducing contamination in recycling bins across the school
- Increase the amount of recycling in each D65 school
- Reduce cost to D65 by increasing recycling (free from the City) and decrease the landfill pick-ups / container sizes
- Best practices to make the process as smooth and efficient as possible for students, staff and custodians

Let's Recycle Better, Together!

Why is Recycling Correctly is Important?



Recycling Facility Virtual Tour
(5 minutes, 41 seconds)

Why Recycle Right?

- ★ Safety of workers at recycling facility, exposure to needles & flammables and cleaning / maintaining equipment.
- ★ Contaminants like food, liquid, aerosol cans, needles and plastic film increases sorting costs and reduces amount of material that can be recycled.

City of Evanston Recycling Guidelines



Recycling **Reciclaje**

i Call 311 or visit cityofevanston.org/recycling

NO FOOD
NO SE ACEPTA COMIDA

NO LIQUIDS
NO SE ACEPTA LÍQUIDO

NO PLASTIC BAGS
NO SE ACEPTA BOLSAS DE PLÁSTICO

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[City of Evanston
Recycling Website](#)

Village of Skokie Recycling Guidelines



Curbside Recycling Guidelines

Put in Recycling Cart **LOOSE!** - Empty & Clean



Glass
Bottles & Jars
No Metal Caps
Metal Lids 3" plus



Plastic
Bottles & Jugs - Caps On
Jars & Tubs - No Lids
No Bags, Film, or Foam



Metal
Steel & Aluminum
Depressurize Aerosols



Paper
Boxes, Magazines, Paper,
Cups & Cartons
Flatten Boxes

DON'T Put in Recycling Cart!



**No Batteries,
Electronics,
or Sharps**



**No Plastic
Bags or Wrap**




**No Food, Liquids,
Diapers, or
Shredded Paper**



**No Clothing
or Shoes**



**No Hoses, Wires,
or Hangers**

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Benefits of Recycling



- ★ Recycling materials like empty milk cartons can be used to create new paper or cardboard.
- ★ Recycling materials prevents pollution and reduces greenhouse gases by reducing the need to mine and process new materials.
- ★ Reduces the amount of waste sent to landfills, which create methane and carbon emissions reducing our climate change impact.



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A good faith agreement with the City to offer once a week free recycling service for the schools.

D65 Cost Savings Opportunity
Reduce waste in landfill dumpsters

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Sept - Dec
2023

Jan - March
2024

April - May
2024

Summer 2024
and 24-25 School
Year

Baseline Evaluation

Evaluation of every D65 school on current recycling process across the building.

Best Practices / Solutions for Schools

Establish best practices and solutions for schools, standardize where possible.

Education and Recycling Improvement Roll Out

Education for students, staff, custodians in buildings and roll out recycling improvements.

Monitor / Continuous Improvement

Feedback and evaluation of recycling improvements, explore opportunities to enhance further and reduce landfill service levels.

Baseline Evaluation



Baseline Evaluation is essential to help us understand how things are working currently at your school, what best practices and solutions to explore to improve!

Key Elements:

1. Dumpster Monitoring Landfill and Recycling
2. Recycling and Landfill Bins & Signage Inventory at your School
3. Custodian and Staff feedback
4. School Survey
5. Community Survey
6. City of Evanston, current recycling amounts from our schools and feedback on recycling contamination



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