

Starting a Food Recycling Program

Sessions 3 & 4: Gain Approval & Plan Implementation

Goal: Present your proposal and secure school support.

Steps

- **Present Your Proposal to Administrators**
 - Explain the issue and your solution.
 - Show how the program benefits the school and community.
 - Answer any concerns about logistics or costs.
- **Get Approval & Identify Next Steps**
 - Ask what permissions or resources are needed.
 - Find out if any district policies apply.
 - Clarify who will oversee the program long-term.
- **Develop a Waste Collection Plan**
 - Work with custodians to determine bin locations and procedures.
 - Decide how food will be sorted (e.g., compost, donations).
 - How food will be weighed or estimate the amount of food collected each week.
 - How you will record data in a simple log (date, estimated weight, number of bins filled, contamination level).
 - Establish a pickup or delivery system with partners.
- **Spread Awareness & Recruit Volunteers**
 - Create posters or daily announcement messages about the program.
 - Ask for student and staff volunteers to help manage food collection.
 - Write a story for your school newspaper.

Activity Checklist

- ☐ Presented proposal to administrators
- ☐ Addressed any questions or concerns
- ☐ Gained approval and identified next steps
- ☐ Planned waste collection logistics
- ☐ Started outreach to students and staff

Pro Tips:

✓ **Be open to adjustments**
—administrators may suggest changes.

✓ **Show enthusiasm!**
Passion makes your idea more convincing.

✓ **Have a plan for long-term maintenance** to prove sustainability.