We Separate Our Recycling and Food Waste

King Open School

We Separate Recycling and Food Waste!

LIQUIDS

START HERE

RECYCLE

TRASH

FOOD

COMPOSTABLE PAPER

We Separate Recycling and Food Waste

Compostable PAPER

Trays
Plates, Bowls

Napkins
Paper Towels

Waxed Paper

FOOD

NO WRAPPERS

All Food

(Napkins OK!)

RECYCLE

EMPTY - NO FOOD

Plastic Cups
Sandwich Containers
Cereal Bowls
Bottles
Cans
Foil
Paper Bags
Boxes

TRASH

EVERYTHING ELSE

Forks, Spoons, Knives
Wrappers
Chip Bags
Milk Cartons, Juice Boxes
Yogurt Cups*
Mini Plastic Cups

*Too much food on it to recycle it at school. At home, rinse and recycle it.

LIQUIDS

Drinks
Soup
Cereal Milk
Ice

Thank you for caring!
Together, we're making a difference!

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Let's Get Ready to Clean Up!

Before getting up from the table:

DRINK IT, OPEN IT

- Try to finish your drink.
- Make the opening bigger so it pours out faster.

EAT IT, UNWRAP IT, POUR IT, CHECK IT

- Try to eat all your food.
  The best place for your food is your stomach!
- Take food out of wrappers.
- Pour food out of containers onto your tray so the container is ready for recycling.
- Check your foil. Foil recycles if clean.

PILE IT

- Put all trash items together -- forks, plastic wrappers, mini cups, straws, etc.
- Then you can grab them all at once and put them in the TRASH.

When it's time to clean up:

★ Start at LIQUIDS AND USE THE BINS IN ORDER

Thank you!

You are making a difference!

CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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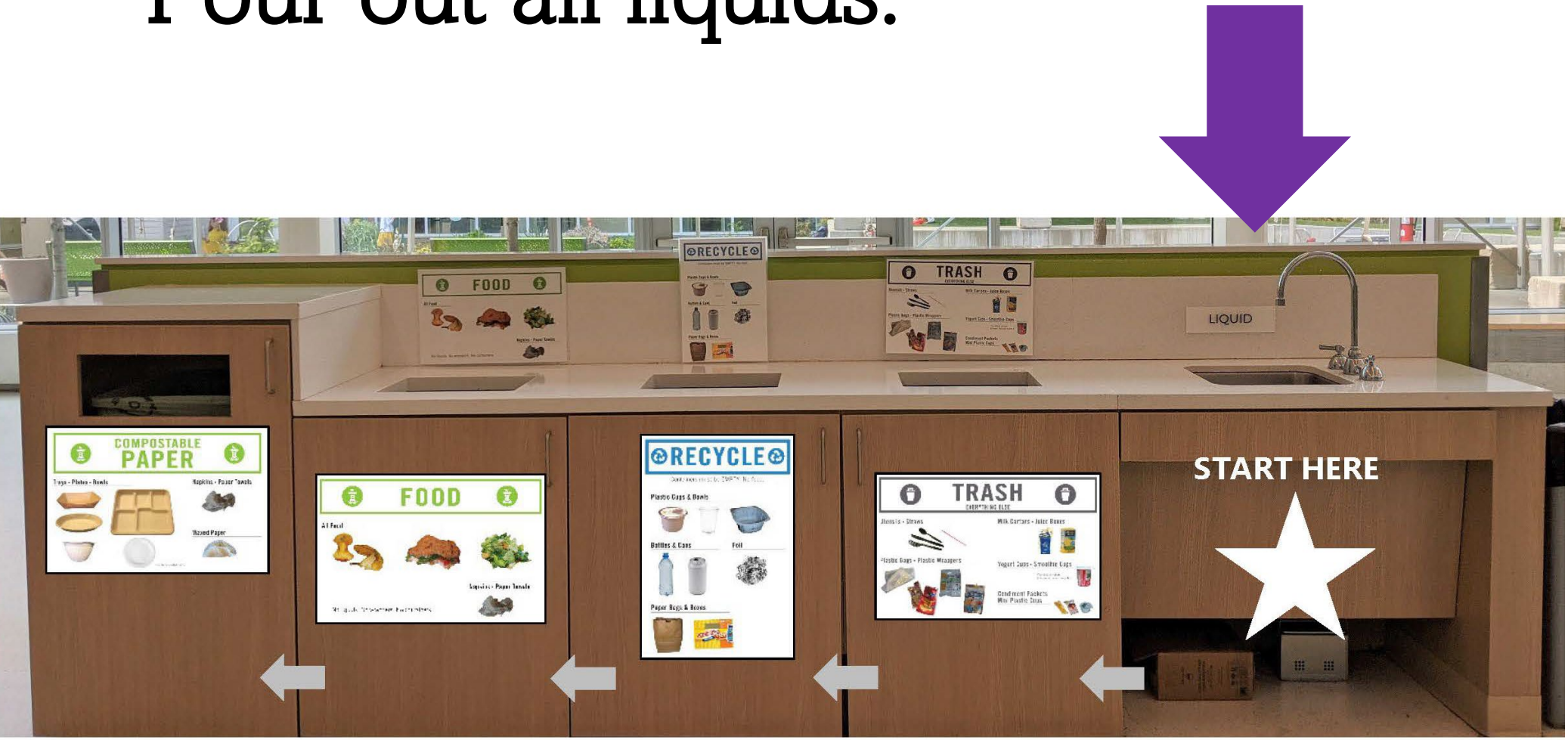
Questions? Contact DPW:
617-349-4836
recycle@cambridgema.gov

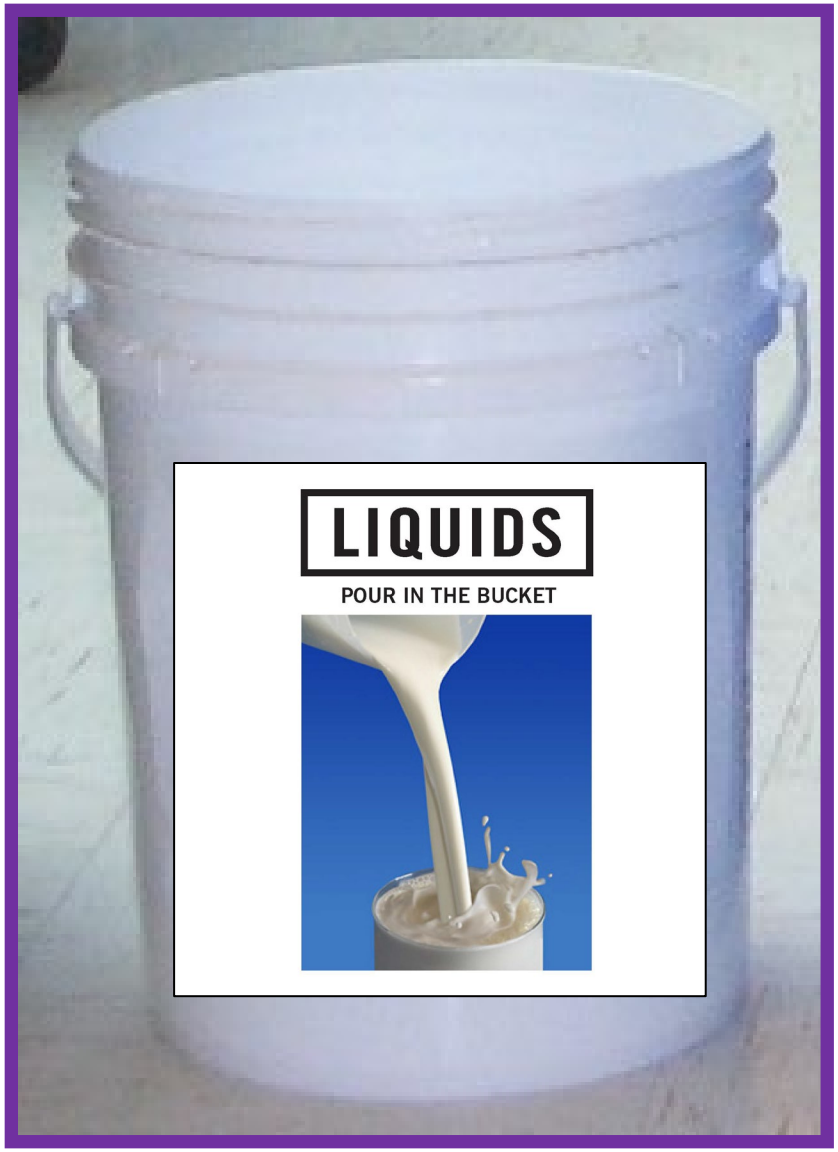
Have **unopened** food or drink from school lunch?
Have **uneaten** fruit from school lunch?

Put it on the Share Table!

Still hungry? Take what you need!

Pour out all liquids.




LIQUIDS
POUR IN THE BUCKET

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- Milk
- Juice
- Water
- Cereal Milk
- Ice
- Soup

Put all TRASH here.

Or here

BRUTE
TRASH
EVERYTHING ELSE
Utensils • Straws
Plastic Bags • Plastic Wrappers
Milk Cartons • Juice Boxes
Yogurt Cups • Smoothie Cups
*Too dirty at school.
At home, rinse and recycle it.
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Mini Plastic Cups

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Condiment Packets
Mini Plastic Cups

What about the mini plastic cups? **TRASH**

They're too small to recycle.

What about yogurt cups? **TRASH**

They're too dirty at school. At home, rinse and recycle!

What about other plastic cups with food on them? **TRASH**

They're too dirty at school.

At home, rinse and recycle!

REMINDER:

Milk cartons are TRASH.

RECYCLE

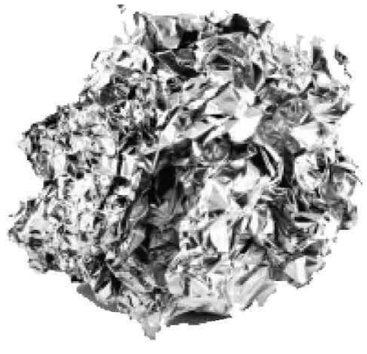
Containers must be EMPTY. No food.

Plastic Cups & Bowls

Bottles & Cans

Paper Bags & Boxes

Foil



Pour out all liquids.
Containers must be empty.

"It's gotta be <u>empty</u> to go in recycling!"

Containers must be empty

RECYCLE

EMPTY - NO FOOD

Plastic Cups
Cereal Bowls
Bottles
Cans
Foil
Paper Bags
Boxes

FOIL can go in recycling!

While at your table:

- Take food out of foil

If there's A LOT of food on it, put it the TRASH.

YES! Recycle This!

FOOD

All Food

Napkins • Paper Towels

No liquids. No wrappers. No containers.

UNWRAP
unwrap

✓NO WRAPPERS

JUST FOOD

and… napkins are OK!

All FOOD. No wrappers.

Napkins are OK!

ONLY

FOOD

and…

napkins are OK!

While at your table:

- ✓ Take food out of wrappers.

Take all food out of wrappers. It can't go into the FOOD barrel if it's wrapped up.

✓ Put all the trash items together.

With all the trash items together you'll be able to easily grab them and put them in the trash.

After you have recycled and thrown out your trash, most of the time the only things left on your tray are your FOOD and NAPKIN.

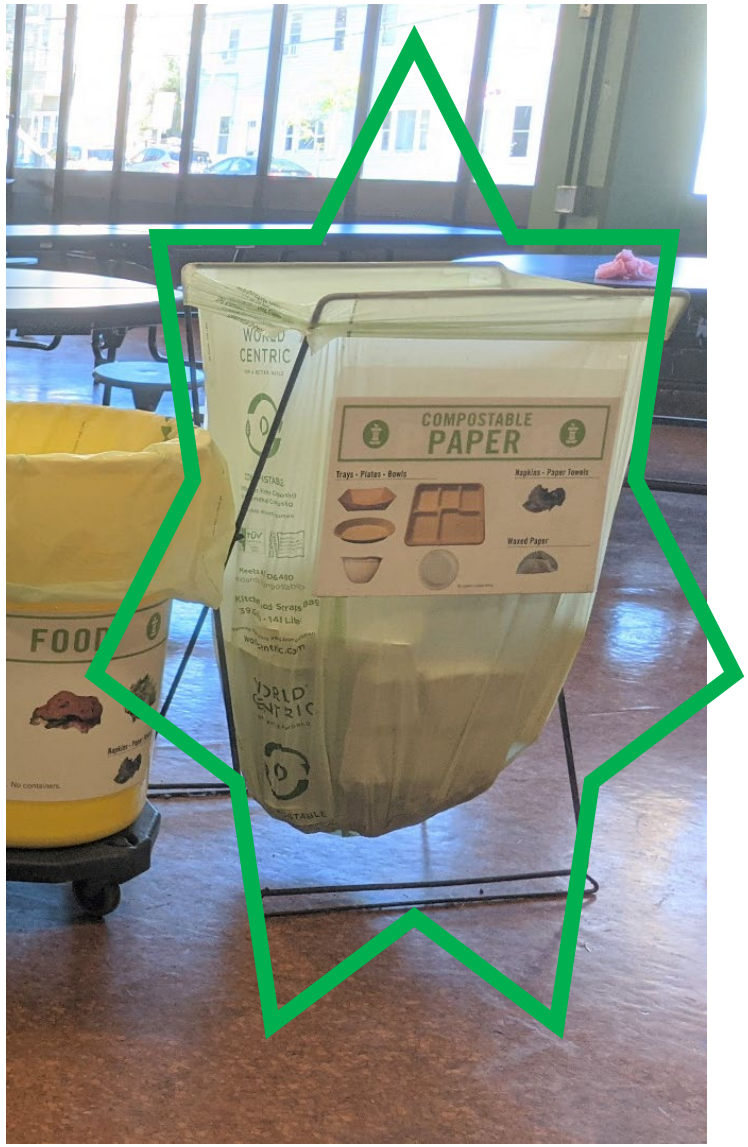
TIP:

Put your tray into the barrel and turn it sideways…

…and tap it against the side of the barrel.

This helps food come off easily.

Then you can put the tray in COMPOSTABLE PAPER.



All these items can go in!

COMPOSTABLE PAPER

Trays • Plates • Bowls

No plastic-coated items.

Napkins • Paper Towels

Waxed Paper

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THANK YOU!

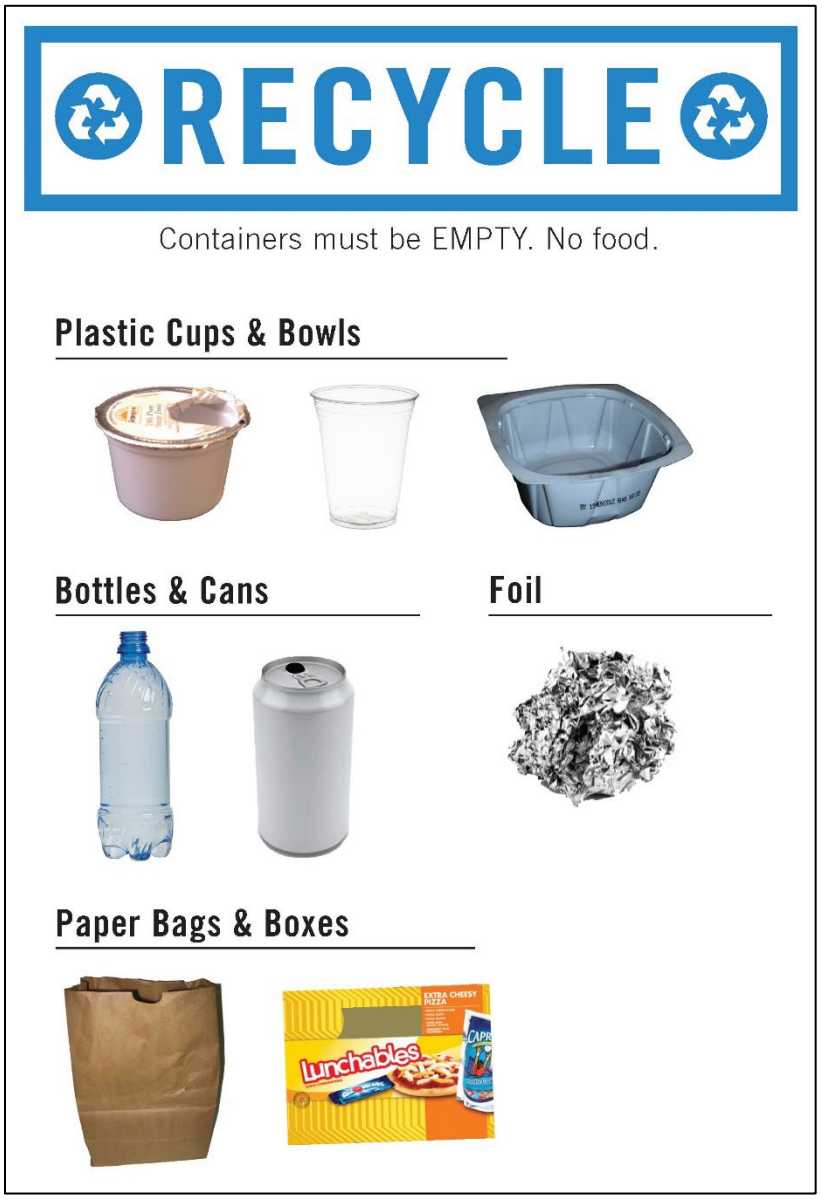
What happens to the food?

It's a special kind of composting. The food is used to make energy!

Food goes to a special kind of composting at a facility called an Anaerobic Digester.

Teeny tiny bugs called MICROBES eat the food. When they eat the food, they make gas.

The gas is used to make ENERGY!



What happens to our recycling?

First, your recycling goes to be sorted. Different items are sorted by the material they are made from (metal, glass, paper, plastic).

Then, they are sold to companies. The companies use them to make new things, like metal cans, cereal boxes, and fleece jackets.

Watch a video of how your items get sorted here.

RECYCLE
seventh
500
1-ply
STAPLES
100% recycled
copy paper
our eco-smartest paper uses no new trees
90
20

Quiz
Time!

Where's the BEST place for your food?

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IN YOUR STOMACH

Try and eat all your food and drink all your drink.

What do you do with whole fruit you haven't taken a bite of, and food and drinks you haven't opened?

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PUT THEM ON THE SHARE TABLE

Only items from school breakfast or lunch.
No items from home.

What do you do with trash items while you're still at your table?

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PUT THEM IN A PILE

Then you can easily pick up all the trash items and put them in the trash can.

Do you start at the LIQUIDS first?

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YES!

Start at the LIQUIDS.

Deal with your drink first.

Do your water and juice cups and water bottles need to be empty to go in the recycling?

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YES!

It's got to be empty to go in the recycling!

Do cartons go in the recycling?

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NO.

Cartons go in the trash. They aren’t accepted in the recycling bins.

Do we recycle yogurt cups at school?

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NO.

Yogurt cups are too dirty at school, so they go in the trash.
At home, rinse them out and recycle them!

Does food have to be unwrapped?

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YES!

Unwrap your food while at your table. Then it's easy to put plastic wrappers in the trash.

Thanks for taking the quiz!

Thanks for separating your recycling and food waste!
You are making a difference!