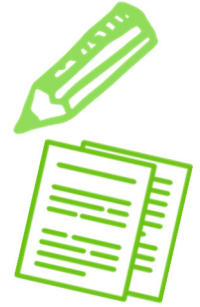




School Waste Audit Worksheet



Name _____

Date _____

Supplies:

- Empty plastic trash bags
- Bagged trash sample (not the nurse's trash!)
- Gloves
- Large empty trash container
- Scale

What does your trash sample represent? (Which room is your trash from and from how many class periods or days?)

Step 1. Weigh your trash can. Be sure to subtract this weight from each waste total.

Trash Can Weight

Step 2. Weigh your initial amount of trash.

Total lbs. of trash

Step 3. Divide your trash into compost, recycling, trash, and polystyrene, and then weigh each pile!

Compost

Recycling

Trash

Polystyrene (trays)

Step 4. Think about your results!

- How many pounds of trash can actually be recycled?
- Why is it important to recycle?
- Where does your trash go after you throw it away?
- Can you calculate waste generated per student?

