

# Waste Management Basics

Dear School staff,

Welcome back! To support students with sorting their waste properly over this school year, the Region of Peel has provided a [Waste Management Basics package](#) for teachers to deliver to their students. Each package includes:

- A guide to waste management for schools
- Sorting Posters
- Sorting Activities
- [A variety of activities focused on waste management](#)

Teachers are encouraged to:

- Read through the guide. This will help staff understand the role each member of the school community has related to waste management.
- Remind students how to properly sort their waste. Teachers can do this by using the posters as reference and playing any of the sorting activities with their class.
- Lastly, we encourage teachers to extend their learning by completing a waste management focused activity with their class. Activities can also be organized by the Eco-team.

After a long year away, we hope these measures will inspire students to sort their waste properly, positively impacting waste diversion in our schools.

Environmental Education Team



## Sorting Activities

To help students practice sorting their waste, pick one of the following activities to play individually or as a class.

A. Region of Peel's Online Waste Sorting games

The Region of Peel's Online waste sorting games allow students to practice sorting waste that can be disposed of in the garbage, recycling, organics, or at a community recycling centre. Games can be played by students on their own, or teacher directed as a class.

- [General Waste Sorting game: Grades 4 and above](#)
- [Primary Waste Sorting game: Kindergarten – Grade 3](#)
- [Maze Chase](#)
- [Quiz Show](#)

B. Waste Sorting PowerPoint

Using the slideshow provided, Teachers can click through, and ask students to complete actions to show where they think a waste items should be disposed.

The following actions can be done for each category:

- Garbage: Say "Peeyew", wave hand in front of face
- Recycling: Roll their fists around each other again and again
- Organics: Pretend to bite an apple

C. Get Moving Sorting Game

Activity can be done outside, gymnasium, or an open area that allows for movement.

Designate a corner or specific location for each type of waste: garbage, recycling, organics.

Call out and/or show students different waste items.

Ask students to walk/run to the corner in which they think the items gets disposed.

D. Sort Your Lunch

Ask students to hold onto any waste they made during snack or lunch time.

Once completed, teachers can ask students to identify their waste item and then assist them to sort their waste using the garbage and recycling bins at school.