

## RECYCLING, COMPOSTING, AND CONSERVATION

The Greenfield **School Committee** believes it is our responsibility to make our students and staff aware of the importance of recycling, **composting, and conservation** whenever possible to conserve the world's limited resources and conserve energy while exercising sound financial practices.

To this end, all Greenfield Public Schools employees will be encouraged to recycle materials that would otherwise become waste, including paper, cardboard, bottles and cans, from throughout the school buildings and grounds in support of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection's waste ban which prohibits disposal of recyclable paper, cardboard, and paperboard; glass and metal containers; and single resin, narrow-necked plastics.

In addition, Greenfield Public Schools school buildings will implement cafeteria and kitchen compost programs that will divert food and compostable paper waste to dedicated compost dumpsters.

To ensure success in the district's recycling efforts:

- 1) all district personnel are encouraged to support recycling, **composting, and conservation** efforts,
- 2) a system to document recycling amounts is encouraged,
- 3) teachers are encouraged to include educational lessons on recycling in the curriculum, where appropriate.

Success in reducing waste through recycling, **composting, and conservation** is based on the cooperation of all the individuals in the school community.

REF: Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection

<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/recycle/regulations/waste-and-recycling-policies-and-guidance.html>

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Revision is using throughout the phrase "recycling, composting, and conservation"

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