



SERT Flash

School Energy and Recycling Team



Recycling Inspections Begin

*Montgomery County Division of Solid Waste Services
School Recycling Program Evaluation*

Starting on Friday, October 1, 2010, the Montgomery County Division of Solid Waste Services (DSWS) will begin conducting in-school recycling program evaluations. Please note these evaluations will continue through December and are conducted at all Montgomery County Public School (MCPS) facilities. Evaluators will check in at the office and follow MCPS protocol.

It is once again time for MCPS to demonstrate our excellent recycling program, by following the tips to a successful evaluation as described below.

Tips to a successful evaluation:

- ❖ Collection: Hang posters at each collection site and label all recycling bins appropriately.
- ❖ Convenience: Place recycling bins of sufficient size in convenient locations.
- ❖ Participation: Remember, all schools and facilities must recycle paper/cardboard and commingled material. Please inform the inspector if your school is participating in other voluntary recycling programs (chip bags, pens, etc.)
- ❖ Contamination: Please ensure that there is no contamination in the recycling bins or dumpsters.
- ❖ Trash: Please ensure that there are no recyclable materials in trash.
- ❖ Staff participation: Demonstrate your **recycling awareness** among administration, teachers and staff – posters, morning announcements, student involvement, staff lounge recycling, and post your recycling rates.
- ❖ Program in place: Please ensure that SERT Action Plan is complete and available for review during the on-site evaluation.
- ❖ Yard waste: Recycle all yard waste through the Division of Maintenance.
- ❖ Call SERT at SERT @ 240-314-1090 or e-mail recycling@mcpsmd.org with any questions.

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