

# Let's Do Lunch



Are you looking for ways to increase recycling performance at lunch?

Invite SERT to visit your school during lunch and we will help reinforce responsible recycling practices in your elementary school lunch room by: sharing facts, reviewing recyclables, assisting with set-up, and monitoring and instructing the process!

Lunch room recyclables include:

- Juice/Milk Bottles, Yogurt Containers, and Water Bottles
  - Black Plastic Lunch Containers
  - Juice/Milk Boxes & Paper Bags
  - Soda Cans and Aluminum Foil

## SERT Let's Do Lunch Request Form

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Administrator Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle your choice:

Waste Free Lunch

Tap N Stack Lunch

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (first choice) Lunch times: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (second choice) Lunch times: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (third choice) Lunch times: \_\_\_\_\_

We will see you at lunch.

Return completed request form to:

SERT

2096 Gaither Road, Suite 200

Fax 240-314-1037 or [SERT@mcpsmd.org](mailto:SERT@mcpsmd.org)

If you have any questions please call 240-314-1090

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## Recycling Ready Facts and Information

Listed below are facts about recycling which you can share with your students, prior to our visit. SERT thanks you in advance for preparing students for the upcoming Tap and Stack Outreach visit. Thank you for your efforts in increasing recycling awareness.

### PAPER

Paper makes up 40% of our daily trash.

Each of us generates 4.4 pounds of trash each day.

It takes 24 trees to create 1 Ton (2,000 pounds) of paper.

MCPS recycled 3,400 Tons of paper last year, saving 87,600 trees.

(Name of School Here) recycled \_\_\_ tons of paper last year, which can be turned into \_\_\_\_ tons of recycled content paper.

Americans throw away enough office and writing paper yearly to build a wall 12 feet high stretching from Los Angeles to New York City.

If everyone in the U.S. recycled just 1/10 of their newsprint, we would save the estimated equivalent of about 25 million trees a year.

### PLASTIC & ALUMINIUM

Americans throw away enough aluminium every three months to rebuild our entire commercial air fleet.

It takes as much energy to make a single new can as it does to recycle twenty used cans.

Five recycled plastic bottles make enough fibrefill to stuff a ski jacket.

PET bottles are recycled into polyester carpeting, textiles, car parts, new PET plastic bottles, pallet strapping and thermoformed sheet products.

### IN YOUR LUNCH ROOM:

#### LUNCH ROOM RECYCLABLES

Milk Bottle (empty)  
Tap-n-Stack Containers  
Milk Cartons (empty)  
Brown Lunch Bags  
Juice Bottles (empty)  
Juice Boxes (empty)  
Clean Tin Foil  
Yogurt Cups (empty)  
Plastic Fruit Cups (empty)

#### LUNCH ROOM NON-RECYCLABLES

Plastic Wrap  
Styrofoam Trays  
Plastic Forks and Spoons  
Tap-n-Stack containers (dirty)  
Candy Wrappers  
Paper Napkins

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Where do you place empty juice boxes? (Paper bin)

Can you place milk bottle tops in recycling bin? (Yes)

Are Styrofoam trays recyclable? (No)

What do we do with the juice box straw before we recycle the juice box? (Place it in the trash)

Is it good to use a lunch box? (Yes, reduce, **reuse**, or recycle)

Can polyester carpet be made out of recycled plastic bottles? (Yes)

Is the fiberfill in winter jackets made out of recycled plastic bottles? (Yes)

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