



# LOCK IT OR LOSE IT

## PROTECT OUR RECYCLABLES BY KEEPING YOUR DUMPSTERS LOCKED!

*It only takes one  
contaminated dumpster  
to ruin an entire truck  
load of recyclables.*

Contact SERT if you have questions or concerns about your dumpsters or recycling in MCPS.

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Did you know that if your school's recycling dumpster is contaminated with trash, and the dumpster contents goes into the recycling truck, then the ENTIRE truck's contents become contaminated and must be dumped as trash? MCPS could lose up to five tons of recycled material because of one unlocked dumpster. Please remember the following:

- ◆ Montgomery County Public Schools requires that all dumpsters for recyclable materials be locked at all times, except when in use by building services.
- ◆ Recycling contamination occurs when dumpsters are unlocked.
- ◆ Dumpsters do not need to be unlocked in order to be serviced on your pickup day.
- ◆ Schools will not be eligible for recycling rewards if dumpsters are found unlocked.
- ◆ If locks are broken or missing, order new ones through Maximo.