

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 719
PRIOR LAKE - SAVAGE AREA SCHOOLS**805 WASTE REDUCTION & RECYCLING****I. PURPOSE**

It is the desire of the School Board to make resource conservation an integral part of the physical operation of the school district and of the school curriculum. It is the responsibility of the school district to set an example of stewardship of our natural resources and to develop a sense of responsible citizenship within our students. In so doing, the purpose of this policy is to establish a resource recovery program to promote the reduction of waste, the separation and recovery of recyclable and reusable commodities, the procurement of recyclable commodities and commodities containing recycled materials, the disposition of waste materials and surplus property and the establishment of a program of education to develop awareness and practice of environmentally sound waste management.

II. DEFINITION

- A. "Postconsumer materials" means a finished material that would normally be discarded as a solid waste having completed its life cycle as a consumer item.
- B. "Recyclable commodities" means materials, pieces of equipment, and parts which are not reusable but which contain recoverable resources.
- C. "Recyclable materials" means materials that are separated from mixed municipal solid waste for the purpose of recycling, including paper, glass, plastics, metals, automobile oil, and batteries. Refuse-derived fuel or other material that is destroyed by incineration is not a recyclable material.
- D. "Recycling" means the process of collecting and preparing recyclable materials and reusing the materials in their original form that do not cause the destruction of recyclable materials in a manner that precludes further use.
- E. "Resource conservation" means the reduction in the use of water, energy, and raw materials.
- F. "Reusable commodities" means materials, pieces of equipment, parts, and used supplies which can be reused for their original purpose in their existing condition.
- G. "Source-separated compostable materials" means materials that:
 - 1. are separated at the source by waste generators for the purpose of preparing them for use as compost;
 - 2. are collected separately from mixed municipal solid waste and are governed by state licensing provisions;
 - 3. are comprised of food wastes, fish and animal waste, plant materials, diapers, sanitary products, and paper that is not recyclable because the Commissioner has determined that no other person is willing to accept the paper for recycling;
 - 4. are delivered to a facility to undergo controlled microbial degradation to yield a humus-like product meeting the PCA's class I or class II, or equivalent, compost standards and where process residues do not exceed 15 percent by weight of the total material delivered to the facility; and

5. may be delivered to a transfer station, mixed municipal solid waste processing facility, or recycling facility only for the purposes of composting or transfer to a composting facility, unless the Commissioner determines that no other person is willing to accept the materials.
- H. "Waste reduction" or "source reduction" means an activity that prevents generation of waste or the inclusion of toxic materials in waste, including:
1. reusing the product in its original form;
 2. increasing the life span of a product;
 3. reducing material or the toxicity of material used in production or packaging; or
 4. changing procurement, consumption, or waste generation habits to result in smaller quantities or lower toxicity of waste generated.

III. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

1. The school district will integrate the concept of resource conservation, including the four R's (rethink, reduce, reuse, and recycle), into all curriculum at all levels of the school system.
 - a. Each school building will have containers readily available and visible for recycling of paper and plastic/glass/aluminum.
 - b. Recycling of corrugated cardboard; white and mixed paper; aluminum, glass, plastic and metal containers; and food waste.
 - c. Reuse and recycling of construction and demolition materials to the greatest extent possible.
2. The school district will decrease the amount of waste of consumable materials by:
 - a. Reduction of the consumption of consumable materials wherever possible, including material reuse, double-sided copying, and/or electronic communication.
 - b. Full utilization of all materials prior to disposal.
 - c. Minimizations of the use of non-biodegradable products wherever possible.
3. The school district will cooperate with and participate in recycling efforts being made by the cities of Prior Lake, Savage and Scott County. As systems for the recovery of water and recycling are developed within the cities and county, the school district will participate by appropriately separating and allowing recovery of recyclable waste products and proper disposal of hazardous waste materials.
4. The school district will ensure that staff using hazard materials such as science chemicals, motor oil, brake fluid, power steering fluid, transmission fluid, motor oil filters, or motor vehicle antifreeze receives proper training, is knowledgeable and practices proper disposal of such items.
5. When possible and when the price of recycled materials does not exceed the price of non-recycled materials, the school district will purchase recycled products. The school district will also encourage suppliers, both private and public, to make recyclable products, post consumer material, and unbleached paper products available for purchase by public schools.
6. Representatives of the Prior Lake - Savage Area Schools will actively advocate, where appropriate, for resource conservation practices to be adopted at the local, regional and state levels.

7. Representatives of the Prior Lake - Savage Area Schools will also declare such items, when appropriate, as surplus to be sold at public auction.
8. A quarterly review and assessment of a district-wide waste and recycling report will be conducted by the Operations Department. For more information, contact the Operations Department.

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