

2023 - 2024 School Recycling Guide

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About Us

Target Recycling, managed by the Dalton-Whitfield Solid Waste Authority's Recycling Center in Dalton, provides collection of recyclables at no charge to qualifying local businesses and schools interested in recycling.

Recycling collection saves local school districts hundreds of dollars in waste collection fees each month. Outdoor recycling collection containers at each school are painted a light blue, and have stickers indicating what type of material can be placed inside.

Learn more about Target Recycling on our website:
www.dswsa.org/target-recycling

Target Recycling at School hosts an annual school recycling contest. The program also provides a complimentary Environmental Education program (that has curriculum based on Georgia Performance standards and is taught by a licensed GA and ESOL educator!) that teaches student to be more environmentally friendly and support staff with their recycling program.

Learn more about recycling at school on our website:
www.dswsa.org/target-recycling-at-school

For details on the education program visit our website:
www.dswsa.org/environmental-education-program

Please remind all staff and parents not to park in front of any recycling bin, so that our driver can reliably pickup your bin each week and they will not overflow.



Recycle These Items at School

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Mixed Paper

All participating schools have a collection container for Mixed Paper, which includes all clean and dry paper found in a school setting. Examples are: worksheets, homework paper, bulletin board paper, poster board, newspaper, file folders, cardboard boxes, paperboard boxes (tissues, cereal boxes), and even paperback and hard cover books. No plastic wrap or film allowed. If you have shredded paper, place it in a transparent plastic bag or a paper bag before putting it in the collection container.



Cardboard

Some schools also have a separate collection container for Cardboard Boxes only. These are used mainly by the cafeteria and custodial staff. Boxes should be clean, dry, and flattened so they fit thru the front slot. No plastic wrap/film, packaging materials, or waxed boxes are permitted.

School Contest Guidelines 2023-24

- This school recycling contest is hosted by the Dalton-Whitfield Solid Waste Authority through the Target Recycling program managed by the local recycling center.
- Target Recycling at School's Annual Recycling Contest for the 2023 – 2024 school year will take place over an 8-month period from August 2023 to March 2024.
- The contest is open to City, County, and Private Schools in Whitfield County, Georgia that participate in Target Recycling at School. All schools are automatically entered in the recycling contest.
- Target Recycling provides each school with an outdoor recycling container for collecting Mixed Paper at no charge.
- Students, teachers, and staff are responsible for getting the recyclables from the classrooms and other collection points on campus to the Target Recycling Container(s) assigned to their school.
- The Target Recycling collection truck picks up the recyclables, weighs the contents, and maintains a record of the pounds of recyclables collected for each school.
- Target Recycling produces a monthly report to show the recycling rate for each school and makes it available via e-mail to subscribers of their newsletter. Register for the newsletter online at this link: <http://eepurl.com/YEEM>
- The recycling rate is calculated by dividing the number of students by the weight, in pounds, of the recyclables collected at the school during each month. The number of students at each school is obtained at the beginning of the school year from each district's administration office.
- For the 2023 – 2024 competition schools will compete based on amounts per students and be divided by grade levels to compete against schools with students of similar ages. The three divisions are: Elementary, Middle, and High School.
- All participating schools, public and private, will compete for the overall school year awards based on the recycling rates for the months of August to March.
- Schools compete to obtain the highest recycling rate per student, and qualify for an award.
- Each division will have **a 1st, 2nd, and Most Improved place winner**. There will be a total of 9 schools recognized, 3 from each division.
- Awards will be presented during the month of May in an effort to recognize students before they move on to another school. Each school is responsible for scheduling a time for Target Recycling staff to visit the school and present the award.
- Awards or prizes may include recycling bins for classrooms, wagons or carts to collect recyclables indoors, an ice cream or pizza party for the whole school. Prizes to help improve recycling or other environmental initiatives in the school may be considered upon request.
- Participating schools may also be automatically entered in the national school recycling contest hosted by Keep America Beautiful called Recycle Bowl. The recycling center will report the weights collected on behalf of each school. Recycle Bowl competition takes place for one month in the fall. Recyclables collected during that time will count towards the local recycling contest and Recycle Bowl. Contest results from Keep America Beautiful are typically available the following spring.
- For questions or more information about this contest please contact the recycling center by calling 706-278-5001 or e-mail Ahartline@dswa.org or cshook@dswa.org.