



U.S. Food Waste Challenge

Reduce, Recover, Recycle

E-mail completed forms to FoodWasteChallenge@oce.usda.gov.

Title of Waste Initiative (*brief title, 20 words maximum*):

Dallas ISD Green Defenders – Protecting Our Planet for the Future

Organization(s):

(Individuals' commitments, though very important to the goal of reducing, recovering, and recycling food waste, will not be posted as part of the U.S. Food Waste Challenge.)

Dallas ISD

What link should be provided on the U.S. Food Waste Challenge website?

Organization's website link related to food waste activities:

www.dallasisd.org

What is the food waste reduction, recovery, and/or recycling objective?

Operations Services will recognize students that are protecting their school environment! The Green Shield Award will signify their efforts to protect and transform their campus into a greener environment for their fellow and future students.

1. Reduce food waste:

- Promote "Tasty Teasers" to encourage fruit and vegetable consumption
- Bid Compostable trays and reduce use of foam trays
- Reduce bulk trash pick-up through improving mgmt. of trash disposal in dining rooms
- Implement Self-serve Bars- Implement pilots as designated schools to self-serve to reduce use of plastics and other serving utensils & bowls
- Reduce excess food production that results in food waste through training on forecast & ordering

2. Recover:

- Implement Share table for foods (fruits, packaged foods, etc) that children do not intend to consume
- "Foodcycling": Repurposing "leftover" or "unused" food returned from BIC and/or lunch meals
- Explore & identify use of food waste for energy

3. Recycle:

- Compost discards in school cafeterias and dining room
- Expand recycling of paper, aluminum cans, plastic from cafeteria kitchens & campus

Initiated a milk carton recycling project on Earth Day 2014 and expand in 2014-15 school year. [Dallas ISD Food Services is helping create a Greener World- one carton at a time](#)