



Congratulations to DCPS for all of its recycling progress!

Here are some actions you can take in the new year:

Replicate success! – get tips for your program in this newsletter.

Check your services! – use [this site](#) to find link to the revised organics service schedule for the 54 schools that are receiving organics services this school year.

Give feedback! – fill out [this feedback form](#) by January 23, 2015 to help improve the DCPS Recycles! program.

Share photos! – Share photos that celebrate the DCPS Recycles! theme “Everyone participates, Anyone can advocate” on social media #DCPSRecycles @dcdgs.

Apply for recognition! - fill out the [DCPS Recycles Honor Roll 2015 application](#) by February 27, 2015 to get your school recognized on Earth Day.

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Learn More! See <http://dgs.dc.gov/page/healthy-schools>

Sorting It Out: 3 Steps to Success

1. Delegation! Follow the example of **Orr Elementary**, with their program led by Mr. Marlon Ray, Dean of Students, to make sure to clearly define roles and responsibilities. Principals delegate responsibility for the program [using this form.](#)

2. Operations! Follow the example of **J.O. Wilson Elementary** where the maintenance staff are leaders in the program! This exemplary sorting set up by Mr. Tony Rich and team has clear signage and correct liners, as described in [DCPS Waste Management Procedures.](#)

3. Education! Follow the example of **Maury Elementary** and teach students and staff about what happens to waste, why we recycle, and how to use the bins correctly. Organize student bin monitors to guide their peers, as at **Stoddert Elementary.**



Making Connections



Waste audits! Through waste audits like the one we conducted with Food Corps member Wally Graeber at **Tyler Elementary**, we collected data and provided hands-on learning for students. Learn how to conduct a waste study at your school [here.](#)

Compost bins! DGS is providing compost bins to at least one model school garden in each ward of the city – like the active garden at **Tubman Elementary**. Fill out [this form](#) if you're interested in on-site composting.

Field trips! We toured Montgomery County's recycling facility with **Powell Elementary** Head Custodian Ms. Keysha Luckey and **Cleveland Elementary** Head Custodian Mr. James Howard. See [here](#) to schedule a visit.