

Locker Clean-out

Ideas to consider

- ◆ Save single-sided paper for reuse as draft paper or for a note pad.
- ◆ Save supplies and make available for students in need or send to ArtsJunktion. Include pens, pencils, erasers, binders, rulers, etc.
- ◆ Take pictures of your EcoTeam during your locker clean-out and post on the school website.
- ◆ Weigh the reusable and recyclable materials you've collected to find out how much you kept out of landfill.

If this way of organizing a major locker clean-out is new, it's a good idea to publicize it well. And let people know why it matters!

An organized locker clean-out is a great way to capture a lot of useful things that might otherwise end up in landfill. Have members of your EcoTeam or another group/class organize the whole school so that students can sort their lockers' contents into reusables, recyclables, and real garbage.

Decide the following:

- When will the clean-out take place (connect with the office/caretaker/a staff advisor/student council)?
- How (and how far in advance) will students and teachers be informed (PA, notices, posters, e-mail, via home form)?
- How many categories will you separate locker contents into: paper; containers; other recyclables; reusable school supplies; clothing; sports equipment... as well as real garbage?
- What type of sorting or storage containers will you use (recycling boxes and/or totes, cardboard boxes, clear garbage bags, clean garbage cans)?
- How many containers and sorting stations are needed for the whole school, floor, hallway?
- Who, if anyone, will monitor the sorting stations?
- Where will your school's collected reusable and recyclable materials end up (recycling totes/bulk bins, special recycling programs, ArtsJunktion, Goodwill or other charities, saved in the school, or taken home)?