Waste Management Policy
Halton Waldorf School
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Halton Waldorf School is committed to reducing waste and making environmentally responsible choices. This policy applies throughout the school and at all school events.

A. Waste Reduction and Sorting

Reduce and reuse whenever possible. Reusable food and drink containers and school dishes are encouraged.

Waste must be sorted as follows:

1. **Compost:** Food waste, compostable paper products, tissues, paper towels, parchment/waxed paper, and wooden cutlery.
2. **Recycling:** Bottles, cans, drink boxes, cartons, cardboard, aluminum, and recyclable plastic containers.
3. **Garbage:** Plastic wrap and cutlery, straws, bottle caps, diapers, stickers, wrappers, yogurt tubes, and juice pouches.

Sorting signage is posted throughout the school for reference.

B. School Events

For all school events:

- Use reusable or compostable products whenever possible.
- School dishes may be signed out from the PA Room and must be washed and returned after use.
- If disposables are necessary, choose compostable paper products. Do not purchase Styrofoam or PLA products.
- Provide clearly marked compost, recycling, and garbage bins and dispose of waste appropriately after the event.

C. Waste-Free Lunches and Water Bottles

HWS encourages waste-free lunches and reusable food containers. Students should bring reusable water bottles that can be refilled at school rather than single-use bottles.

All members of the HWS community are expected to support responsible waste management and model sustainable practices for students.