



TIPS FOR A HEALTHY, WASTE-FREE CLASSROOM

Reduce/Reuse

- Promote the use of reusable water bottles
- Encourage students to put unopened non-perishable leftovers from lunch in their backpacks to take home

Recycle

- Place all [PPE](#) in the landfill, not the recycling
- Attach clear [signage](#) above both landfill and recycling bins with pictures of the most common items
- Apply for a [Carton Council](#) grant to fund carton recycling bins and educational materials. Hang this Carton Council [poster](#) in the classroom. Send Carton Council [flyer](#) home to families.
- Use a separate recycling container for mealtime recyclables
- Place a clearly labeled recycling bin next to the landfill bin to reduce contamination and increase recycling participation

Clean and healthy classroom environment

- Encourage hand-washing over hand sanitizer as much as possible
- Follow [safe and sustainable classroom cleaning protocols](#) and share this information with facilities staff
- Let in natural daylight by opening the blinds and leaving windows uncovered
- Declutter the room and leave air vents unobstructed
- Eat lunch and hold class outdoors as weather permits