

<b>STRAIT REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD</b> <i>Excellence in Lifelong Learning</i>  <b><i>POLICIES AND GUIDELINES</i></b>	<b>FACILITIES MANAGEMENT VIII-A-3</b>
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### WASTE MANAGEMENT

The Strait Regional School Board believes that it is in the best interest of the education community that staff, students and the general public will strive to avoid any action that would be detrimental to the natural environment.

Users of school board facilities are therefore expected to reduce, reuse, recycle and compost with the goals of,

- minimizing the amount of waste generated within the school system;
- reducing costs associated with waste disposal and pickup;
- maintaining a safe and healthy learning and working environment; and
- educating students, staff and the general public on the importance of progressive waste management practices.

#### GUIDELINES

1. The Strait Regional School Board and its schools will strive to meet or exceed all applicable environmental laws and regulations, including:
  - the *Environment Act 1995* and regulations of the Department of the Environment;
  - Solid Waste Resource Management 1995 issued by the Department of the Environment;
  - all municipal regulations and bylaws; and
  - all subsequent changes to laws, regulations and bylaws.
2. Each school is expected to maintain a program for the recycling and composting of wastes, and provide age-appropriate training in the use of disposal method.
3. The principal of each school will be responsible to ensure the establishment of a "Green Team". The "Green Team" established at each school shall consist of students, teaching staff and custodial staff to promote, oversee and monitor recycling programs and communicate with Board staff.
4. Schools are encouraged to participate in the provincial *Wasteless School Challenge* and avail themselves of resources offered by *Clean Nova Scotia, Resource Recovery Fund Board (RRFB)* Nova Scotia, waste reduction related education officers employed by solid waste resource regions 1 and 2 'a' and individual municipal units.

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5. The Strait Regional School Board will coordinate, support and monitor all programs for continuous improvement of the waste management program and to ensure consistent application and compliance with regulations.
6. All students and staff are responsible for disposing of their own waste appropriately and participating in programs to maintain litter free buildings and grounds.
7. All users of school facilities are responsible for disposing of their own waste appropriately.
8. The Strait Regional School Board will establish a set of procedures to guide all aspects of this policy.

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