

# Sorting Guide

## Blue Bin Recycle

Paper & Cardboard



Rigid Plastic



Aluminum & Metals



Juice Boxes & Milk Cartons



Empty out containers  
No plastic wrap

## Gray Bin Landfill

Plastic Wrappers



Plastic Utensils & Straws



Juice Pouches



No food scraps  
No recyclables

## Green Bin Compost

Food



Paper Napkins, Trays, & Cups



No food wrapped in plastic  
No plastic utensils








# At Home Heroes

The Earth needs you to be a Green Team Hero at home. Start by sorting your take-home school meal. Once you get the hang of it, teach your family to reduce and sort too.

- 1) Post the Sorting Guide on your refrigerator.
- 2) Set up a Recycle and a Compost can in your house.
- 3) Study the tips below and practice.
- 4) Train your family members:
  - Share the Sorting Guide
  - Show them where to sort
  - Demonstrate how
- 5) Catch your family doing a good job!

## Tips for Sorting at Home

<b>Food Recuse</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ Save unopened packaged food for a snack or another family member.</li><li>❖ Put uneaten food that could spoil in your refrigerator.</li><li>❖ Tell your school what you like and do not like from your school meals.</li></ul>
<b>Liquids</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ Put unfinished drinks in the refrigerator for a snack.</li><li>❖ Pour out any remaining liquid from drink containers before recycling.</li></ul>
<b>Recycle</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ Make sure all items are empty and as clean and dry as possible.</li><li>❖ Rinse out containers or wipe clean with a paper towel.</li><li>❖ Keep garbage like plastic wrappers, dirty paper and food out of this can.</li></ul>
<b>Landfill</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ Put plastic wrap and small plastic items in the landfill can.</li><li>❖ Anything that cannot be recycled, such as: chips bags, plastic utensils, wrappers, juice pouches, sauce packets, and straws goes here.</li></ul>
<b>Compost</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ Set up a Compost can in your kitchen - go to <a href="http://www.recyclesmart.org/foodscraps">www.recyclesmart.org/foodscraps</a></li><li>❖ Put uneaten food scraps in this can.</li><li>❖ Toss food-soiled paper (like napkins, paper towels and paper food boxes) here.</li></ul>

For more information go to: [www.recyclesmart.org/houses/general](http://www.recyclesmart.org/houses/general)