

Sorting Guide

Blue Bin Recycle

Paper & Cardboard



Rigid Plastic



Aluminum & Metals



Empty out containers
No plastic wrap

Gray Bin Landfill

Plastic Wrappers



Plastic Utensils & Straws



Juice Pouches

Juice Boxes & Milk Cartons



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

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

For more information go to: www.recyclesmart.org/houses/general