

School Recycling Program

Progress on our Path to 75%
Annual Update – August 2026



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2025-26 Highlights

60

assemblies and
classroom presentations

19

schools at 75%+

2,441

tons diverted from
disposal

6,485

students reached

36

school at 50%+

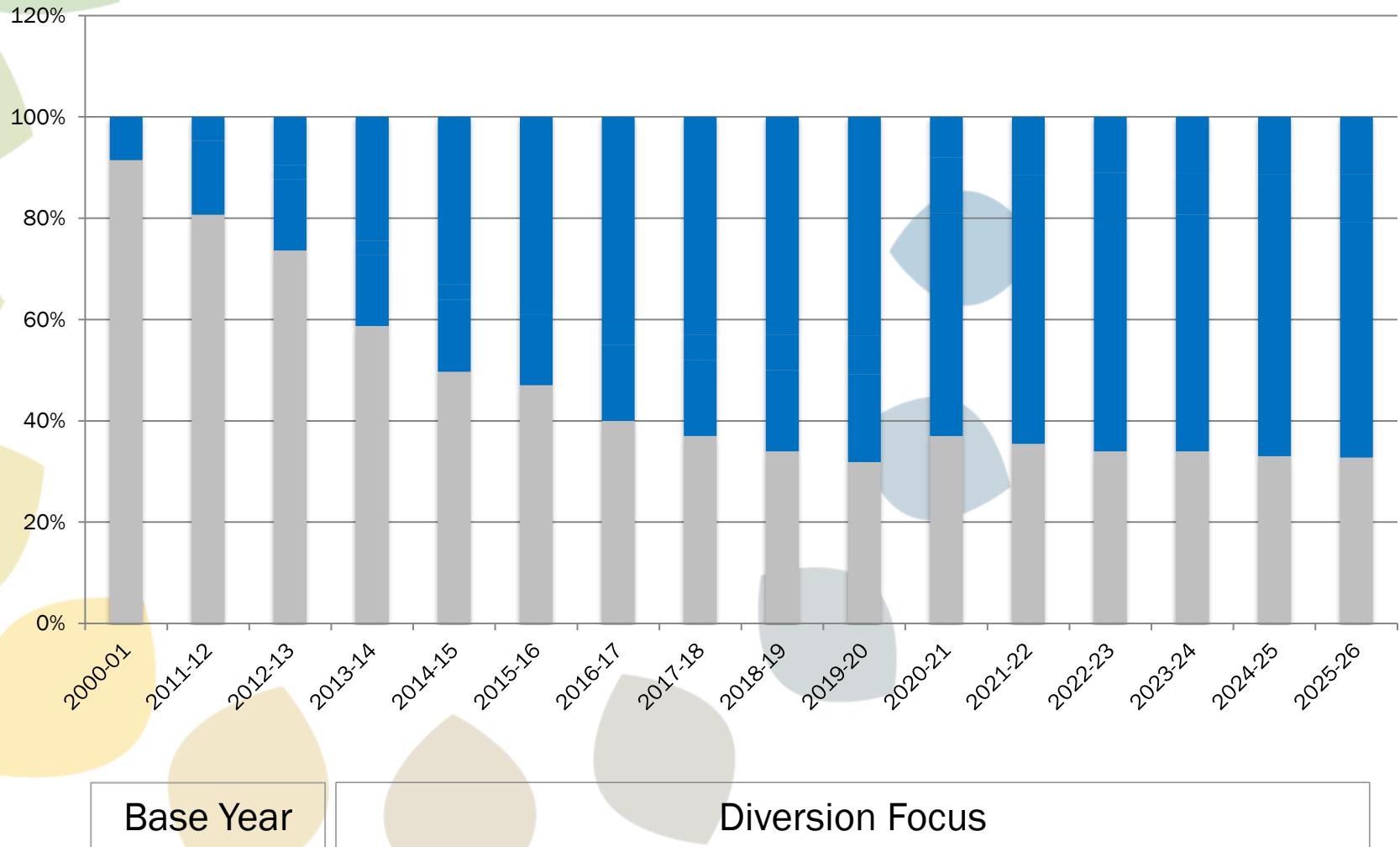
4,447

metric tons of GHGs
reduced*

*Equivalent of removing
1,037 passenger vehicles
from the road



Diversion Rate Increases Since 2000-01 Baseline



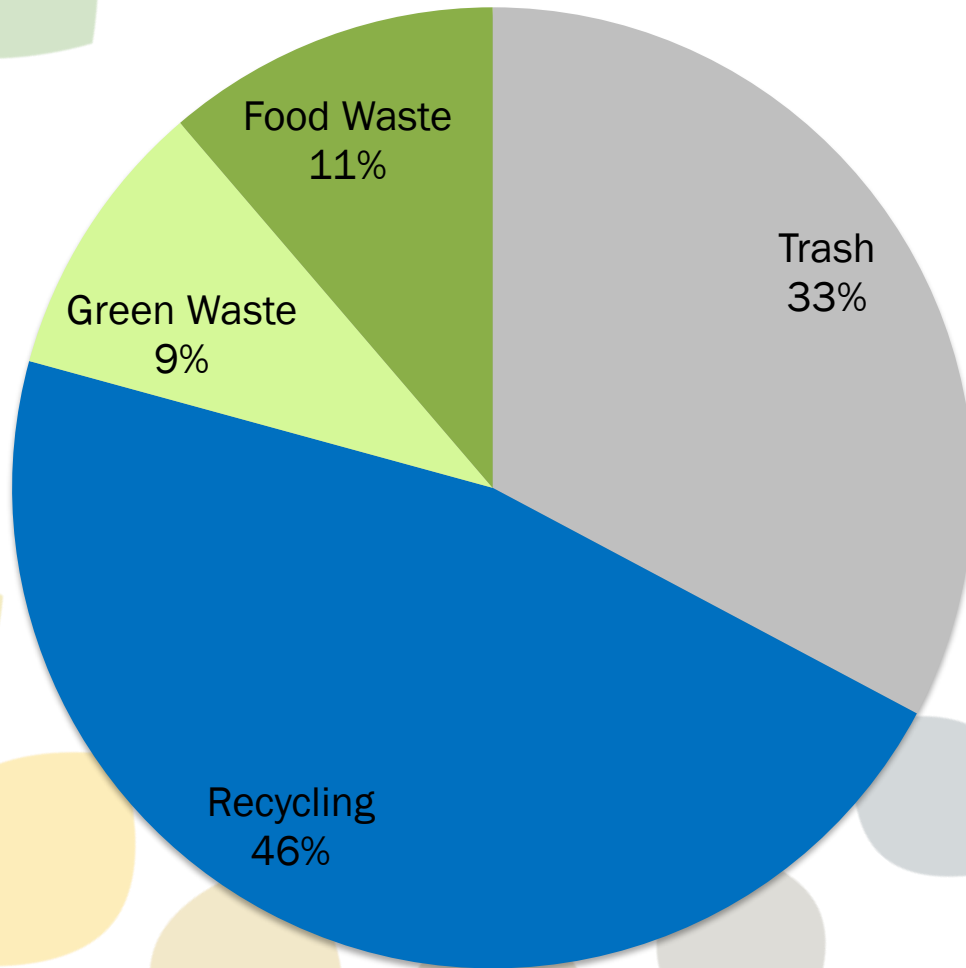
Service Levels by School District

District	Diversion rate ¹	Change since June 2025
Acalanes	66%	1%
Lafayette	67%	1%
Moraga	74%	0%
Mt. Diablo	62%	-1%
Orinda	66%	-1%
San Ramon Valley ²	38%	0%
Walnut Creek	77%	-1%
Private	66%	1%

¹Based on collection service volumes and volume to weight conversion factors

²Recycling and trash self-hauled by district staff

Overall Measured Diversion Rate Based on Service Levels



Does not include San Ramon Valley Schools (recycling and trash is self-hauled by district staff)

Diversion Rates by School/Community

Contra Costa County (unincorporated)

School	Diversion Rate
Alamo Elementary	66%
Creekside Elementary	54%
Murwood Elementary	78%
Parkmead Elementary	77%
Rancho Romero Elementary	51%
Stone Valley Middle School	50%
Tassajara Hills Elementary	63%

Danville

School	Diversion Rate
Athenian	66%
Charlotte Wood Middle School	42%
Diablo Vista Middle School	31%
Green Valley Elementary	53%
Greenbrook Elementary	58%
John Baldwin Elementary	63%
Los Cerros Middle School	53%
Montair Elementary	58%
Monte Vista High School	16%
San Ramon Valley High School	28%
St. Isidore	73%
Sycamore Valley Elementary	52%
Vista Grande Elementary	64%

Awards
Wastebusters

Diversion Rates by School/Community

Lafayette

School	Diversion Rate
Acalanes High School	56%
Bentley School	39%
Burton Valley Elementary	81%
Contra Costa Jewish Day School	76%
Happy Valley Elementary	69%
Lafayette Elementary	56%
Meher School	75%
Springhill Elementary	77%
Stanley Middle School	52%
St. Perpetua	54%

Awards

Wastebusters	
Honorable Mention	

Moraga

School	Diversion Rate
Camino Pablo Elementary	79%
Campolindo High School	60%
Donald Rheem Elementary	76%
Joaquin Moraga Intermediate	69%
Los Perales Elementary	76%
Saklan School	64%

Orinda

School	Diversion Rate
Del Rey Elementary	67%
Glorietta Elementary	65%
Holden High School	81%
Miramonte High School	86%
Orinda Intermediate School	63%
Orinda Academy	63%
Sleepy Hollow Elementary	62%
Wagner Ranch Elementary	78%

Diversion Rates by School/Community

Walnut Creek	
School	Diversion Rate
Bancroft Elementary	62%
Berean Christian	68%
Buena Vista Elementary	70%
Contra Costa Christian	61%
Del Valle High School	59%
Eagle Peak Montessori	78%
Foothill Middle School	65%
Indian Valley Elementary	76%

Walnut Creek	
School	Diversion Rate
Las Lomas High School	71%
Northgate High School	51%
NorthCreek Academy	55%
Seven Hills School	90%
St. Mary's	76%
Tice Creek School	79%
Valle Verde Elementary	48%
Walnut Acres Elementary	66%
Walnut Creek Christian	44%
Walnut Creek Intermediate	79%
Walnut Heights Elementary	78%

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Reusable Foodware Expansion



Stainless Steel Trays

- ❖ Safer for students
- ❖ Less waste
- ❖ Improved eating experience



Lafayette tray



Moraga tray

Parchment paper has additives that require it to be landfilled



Dirty tray crates



Tray drying racks

Silverware collection example



How to Sort Student Video



**2 minute
video
created by
students**





**Engage and empower your students to be EcoHeroes!
Join The EcoHero Show for a virtual rap-along concert
on October 2nd at 10:00am.**

The EcoHero Show is a high-energy, interactive 45 minute event that will educate K-5th grade students about recycling and composting to reduce solid waste sent to the landfill, while inspiring and motivating students to take action at their school.

This program is available at NO COST to your school thanks to the generous sponsorship from RecycleSmart!

REGISTER NOW

“I am currently a 12th grader and still remember that day like it was yesterday. You impacted me huge and now I'm glad to say that I'm passing it on to my younger siblings and nieces. I hope to your songs and energy continue to stick with people just how they have stuck with me. I'm so glad my school for to experience Mr. Eco <3.”
Paris, Past 1st Grade Participant

“Mr. Eco has done more to inspire and motivate the students and staff at my school in his one-day visit than any single event over the last 10 years.”
Josh Olins, Teacher



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