



# CLASSROOM WASTE AUDIT



## AVERAGE WASTE PROCEDURE

- ☐ Save 1 day of classroom waste
- ☐ Weigh recyclables and trash separately if they are stored separately
- ☐ Repeat for every day in the week to get an average daily classroom waste weight (can be done over several weeks to get a weekly average)

	Day 1 Weight	Day 2 Weight	Day 3 Weight	Day 4 Weight	Day 5 Weight	Average
Garbage						
Recycle 1						
Recycle 2						

## WASTE CONTENTS PROCEDURE

- ☐ Save 1 day of classroom waste
- ☐ Spread trash and recyclables on a large tarp or piece of butcher paper
- ☐ Have students make piles of commonly thrown items and identify patterns in their trash. Students can weigh and record these items if desired.

Observations

- ☐ After assessing contents, have students sort the items into "Compost," "Recycle," "Reuse," and "Landfill"
- ☐ Have students weigh each category and compare it to the day's cumulative numbers.
- ☐ Repeat this portion of the activity for every day in the week if desired. This can also be done over several weeks to get a weekly average)

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Compost						
Recycle						
Reuse						
Landfill						