

COMPOST KIDS AT SPRINGHURST



Springhurst continues to be a leader in waste reduction with a sorting system for **recycling** and **making compost**. Finished compost made from food waste is used in the Outdoor Classroom/Garden to grow organic vegetables for the school community, as well as landscaping the front entrance.

New this year, DFSD is transporting all in-school compostable paper products from lunch and PTSA events to a composting facility.

Prior to COMPOST KIDS, ALL food waste and **recyclables** were discarded into one trash can. Students were missing the opportunity to learn about the many ways their waste can be reused or recycled to benefit the school community and the Earth.



Sorting Station:

1. Trash/Landfill
2. Compost (Food Scraps)
3. Recycle Paper
4. Commingled Recycle-plastic, Glass & Metal
5. Liquid Bucket
6. Compostable products (PTSA events & DFSD Cafeteria)

By separating waste, liquid is diverted from landfills, recycling rates increase to save Dobbs Ferry money, and food waste is collected to produce **compost***.

Students learn that their “waste does not have to be waste”, and that they can make a difference in reducing the negative impact on the Earth.

Students practice good environmental stewardship and are working towards a ZERO WASTE goal!

All students 1st-5th are introduced to an optional leadership role called **Compost Keepers** which supports their fellow students in proper waste sorting at the end of each lunch period.

Visual signs in the lunchroom, classrooms and hallways provide guidance for students to sort properly. Please take a minute to review, so you too can become familiar with **recycling right** in the Dobbs Ferry Schools, and support your child’s efforts.

* **Compost**- decomposed organic material used as plant fertilizer



A five-gallon bucket diverts liquid waste from the trash/landfill.
This reduces the production of methane gas and helps our
Custodians avoid messy, sticky and HEAVY trash bags!

No Straws or cereal please!

TRASH



ALL wrappers, ALL plastic bags, ALL soft plastics, plastic utensils, plastic straws, condiment packets, styrofoam, paper towels with cleaning products are discarded in the trash bin.

“When in doubt, throw it out!”

RECYCLE

PLASTICS  THRU 

FOIL, CANS, GLASS



All plastics with a triangle symbol #1-7, glass, metal including milk cartons and juice boxes are recycled at the MRF (Material Recovery Facility in Yonkers). Recycling right means free of food, otherwise it goes in the trash bin!

PAPER

CLEAN & DRY ONLY

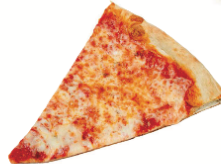


ALL clean and dry colored/white paper, brown paper bags, cardboard (packing tape removed), newspaper, magazines and paper food packaging only go in the **paper recycling** bin.

NO paper towels or napkins! Those go to compost if no chemicals!

COMPOST

ALL FOOD SCRAPS & NAPKINS ONLY



**No
Plastic!**

**No
Liquid!**



ALL food waste including meat/dairy, and both soiled and clean napkins go in this compost bin.

COMPOST

IN-SCHOOL PLATES, TRAYS, BOWLS, FORKS, SPOONS, TO-GO CONTAINERS, PAPER STRAWS



All School trays, plates, to-go containers, utensils, paper straws and napkins are **compostable** and are collected in a second compost bin. These materials are transported to an industrial composting facility to be made into fertilizer.

Pizza Boxes!

Boxes that are clean and free of oil/cheese go in **paper recycle**.

If the bottom has oil/cheese residue, tear off and place the oil/food part in the second **compost bin** with the in-school trays, plates and utensils.

Tearing up the box into pieces is helpful too and appreciated by the custodial staff.

