

As the new school year begins, it is the perfect time for families to build simple habits that protect our environment.

From reusable lunch containers to better waste sorting at home, every action adds up. This flyer is packed with easy tips, a fun activity and handy reminders to help your whole household **reduce waste and recycle right!**

6 Smart Tips for a Waste-Free School Year

Kick off the school year with simple, eco-friendly habits the whole family can follow. These suggestions help reduce waste at home, school and on the go.





Reuse First!

Check what supplies you already have at home.



Hydrate Sustainably

Refill a reusable water bottle every day. Avoid bottled water and juice boxes.



Ditch Lunch Disposables

Use reusable containers or beeswax wraps, not plastic baggies.



Fix it First

Sewing a patch or gluing a strap can give backpacks and clothes a second life.



Thrift & Swap

Shop at a thrift store or trade gently used clothes with friends.



Choose Green Gear

Reuse what you have and buy recycled when you need new.













Did You Know?





Oceanside's residents divert **THOUSANDS** OF POUNDS **OF WASTE** from landfills each yearcan help too!



Recycling **ALUMINUM** CAN saves enough energy to power a computer for HOURS.





ORGANICS in landfills RELEASE METHANE.

Recycling food scraps helps fight climate change!





Recycling TON OF PAPER & CARDBOARD saves approx. TREES.





The contents in the **ORGANICS** CART are turned into compost and mulch. IT'S FREE to Oceanside residents!



SOFT IT TOGETHER! A Waste Sorting Game as Easy as 1.2.3

Help your kids become Oceanside's next recycling champions. This simple and fun game teaches kids how to sort waste correctly. It's easy to play. Look at each example of waste and write the number of the cart it belongs to inside the blank circle. Need help? Flip the page over for clues.











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