



Background Information for Waste Management Checklist

WASTE MANAGEMENT

Proper waste management promotes good indoor air quality (IAQ), decreases the need for pesticides, and controls odors, contaminants, and vermin.

Waste Containers

- Select waste containers appropriate for their use.
- Place food waste or food-contaminated papers and plastics in secure containers (for example, covered containers or tied-off plastic bags). This discourages flies and other vermin.
- Label bins clearly to minimize mixing of trash and recyclables.
- Handle waste generated in art, science, and vocational/industrial classes separately. Work with teachers or administrators to identify the best methods for handling this “special” waste.
- Line waste containers with plastic and replace them regularly. These containers do not need to be cleaned and disinfected as often as unlined containers.
- Store waste containers in well-ventilated rooms. Do not store them in rooms that have heating, cooling, or ventilation equipment that may circulate air to other rooms.
- Empty waste containers regularly.

Dumpsters

- Place dumpsters where prevailing winds will carry odors and contaminants away from the building.
- Dumpsters should be located away from air intakes, doors, and operable windows.

Instructions

Read this section before completing the Waste Management Checklist.