

SCHOOLS

The aim of the Resource Wise Schools Programme is to educate students and minimise waste to landfill.

To help schools minimise waste to landfill, Taupō District Council has developed a free programme in which schools work their way through five stages. Each stage contains practical activities that take participants on a journey of waste minimisation.

THE PROGRAMME

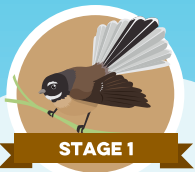
(see overleaf for more details)

How does it work?

- All participants receive an annual waste audit, which outlines what materials are being sent to landfill and separates materials that should not be sent to landfill e.g. those that could have been recycled, composted or recovered.
- Results are then summarised into a Waste Audit Report.
- Council works with participants to develop an Action Plan, specific to each school.

WHAT HELP DO YOU GET?

- A specialised Resource Wise Schools Advisor will provide you with the practical support you need to achieve each stage e.g. worm farms, compost bins, signage for bins, helping giving presentations to staff and students, plus more!
- Participants are provided with a certificate once they achieve each stage and branding to be used on websites and other communication materials e.g. school newsletters.
- In addition to practical support, we also have specialised Resource Wise Schools Educators available to deliver in-class waste education lessons to students.



STAGE 1



STAGE 2



STAGE 3



STAGE 4



STAGE 5



STAGE 1 - FANTAIL

Join the Programme	Attend an Introductory Workshop, sign T&C's, complete pre survey, nominate two contact people.
Conduct a waste audit	Provide requested information to enable a waste audit to be conducted at your school.



STAGE 2 - TUI

Plan for success	Agree to the Action Plan, display certificate, share results with stakeholders and complete post survey.
Divert food waste	Introduce a worm farm farming system to divert food waste (Council can support).
Divert garden waste	Introduce a composting system to divert garden waste (Council can support).
Recycle paper and cardboard	Improve recycling systems to attain 70% diversion of paper & cardboard.
Reduce single use packaging	Improve or introduce systems to reduce single use packaging e.g. Litter-less lunches.



STAGE 3 - KIWI

Plan for success	Agree to the Action Plan, display certificate, share results with stakeholders and complete post survey.
Enquire about waste education	Enquire about Council's waste minimisation classroom education lessons.
Divert more organic waste	Improve and expand food and garden waste collection systems.
Recycle containers	Improve recycling systems to attain 70% diversion of co-mingled recycling (plastics (1&2), aluminium, steel and glass).
Conduct a litter clean-up event	Have students participate in a litter clean-up in a local community space.



STAGE 4 - KOKAKO

Plan for success	Agree to the Action Plan, display certificate, share results with stakeholders and complete post survey.
Reduce other wastes	Investigate methods to reduce or recover other 'problem' waste to increase diversion rate (based on audit results).
Use or promote reusable nappies	Investigate and promote reusable nappies to teachers & caregivers (only applicable to Early Learning Centres)
Educate students	Educate students about waste minimisation in the classroom.



STAGE 5 - MOA

Further reduce single use packaging	Develop a policy to help reduce the amount of litter students bring from home.
Plan for success	Agree to the Action Plan, display certificate, share results with stakeholders and complete post survey.
Educate students	Educate students about waste minimisation throughout the school.
Divert 80% or more from landfill	Divert 80% or more of the school's total waste stream from landfill.

For more information or to register for the programme, please email the Taupō District Council waste educator at wasteminimisation@taupo.govt.nz or phone 07 376 0899.