

## Grant Purpose

### Why Reduce?

It's simple — reducing your waste saves raw materials, energy, and money! Not only do you buy less materials, but it may reduce the amount you pay to your garbage hauler.

### Why Recycle?

**Recycling is the law!** As per Minnesota Statute §115A.151, all public entities (including schools!) are mandated to recycle at least three types of materials.

**Recycling reduces waste!** On average, a Minnesotan will throw away over 2,200 pounds of garbage every year! All of that waste fills up our landfills and pollutes the environment.

**Recycling is good for the environment!** Food waste in landfills will produce methane gas as it decomposes, which is a potent greenhouse gas (GHG) that damages our atmosphere. When you compost your food scraps at home, it will produce carbon dioxide, which is a much less potent GHG.

**Recycling saves energy!** Creating new materials from recycled substances requires much less energy than getting the raw resources. For example, making new aluminum cans from recycled cans takes 90% less energy!

## Additional Resources

### Healthy Sustainable Schools

[www.pca.state.mn.us/index.php/viewdocument.html?gid=2368](http://www.pca.state.mn.us/index.php/viewdocument.html?gid=2368)

### Healthy School Environments Assessment Tool (HealthySEAT)

[www.epa.gov/schools/guidelinestools/healthySEAT/](http://www.epa.gov/schools/guidelinestools/healthySEAT/)

### MPCA Green Schools

[www.pca.state.mn.us/index.php/living-green/living-green-educators/educators.html](http://www.pca.state.mn.us/index.php/living-green/living-green-educators/educators.html)

### Recycle Minnesota (Recycling Signs)

[www.recycleminnesota.org/](http://www.recycleminnesota.org/)



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## The Green Schools Project

Carlton County School  
Recycling and Waste Reduction  
Grant



Carlton County Zoning and  
Environmental Services

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## How to apply

### Eligibility

All educational institutions in Carlton County are eligible.

### Submit an Application

Complete and submit a Recycling and Waste Reduction Grant Application to:

**Karola Dalen**  
**Resource & Recycling Coordinator**  
**Zoning and Environmental Services**  
**PO Box 220**  
**Carlton, MN 55718**  
**karola.dalen@co.carlton.mn.us**

OR

**George Knutson**  
**Minnesota GreenCorps Member**  
**218-384-9592**  
**George.Knutson@co.carlton.mn.us**

Contact George to set up an application meeting.

### Project Criteria

Once approved, the next steps required are:

- Complete a legal grant agreement with Carlton County to release funds.
- Start a Green Team.
- Develop and implement a Recycling & Waste Reduction Policy.
- Submit a Final Report detailing Purchases.

*Review the Grant Guidelines for more information on the project criteria.*

## About the Grant

### Mission Statement

This grant program aims to ensure waste in local schools is reduced and recyclables are diverted from the landfill. Students and staff will gain valuable knowledge of the importance of recycling and recycling methods they can apply at home. Working with institutions such as schools will aid in the effort to increase the county's overall recycling rate and reduce waste to landfills.

### Available Funds

Each school facility may apply for a \$2,000 grant.

### Eligible Purchases

Grant money may be used for:

- Collection materials (e.g. recycling bins)
- Waste reduction supplies (e.g. reusable dishware)
- Other purchases which aid in improving recycling

### Ineligible Purchases

Grant money may **not** be used for:

- Conference costs
- Travel costs
- Garbage disposal fees

## FAQ

### When is the deadline for an application?

Applications are accepted continuously; however, annually allocated funds are available on a first-come-first-serve basis.

### Is there a deadline for using the grant money?

Yes, you must use your grant money within 6 months of the grant agreement.

### Can I apply for multiple grants if I have two schools in one building?

No, you may only apply for one grant per campus.

### What is a Green Team?

A Green Team is a group of school faculty, parents/guardians, and students who are responsible for making sure the program is successful. These people will get to collaborate on ideas to help improve the program with assistance from Carlton County Zoning and Environmental Services staff.

