

Become a **בעל בל תשחית** *Master of Not Wasting!!*

"The righteous do not waste, even as little as a mustard seed." Sefer Hachinuch

THE ONTARIO ECOSCHOOLS

Waste Minimization Guidelines

The following standards form the basis of the Waste Minimization EcoReview:

Reduce

- (1) **paper use** by photocopying on both sides of paper whenever possible;
- (2) **paper use** by purchasing printers that can print on both sides of the paper;
- (3) **paper use** by using a sibling list when sending printed information home to parents;
- (4) **food-related waste** by implementing a waste-free lunch system.

Reuse

- (5) **paper** by organizing a "Re-use Box" for half-used paper that can be used for rough work and art projects;
- (6) **mugs, glasses, plates and utensils** - avoid using disposable dishes as much as possible;
- (7) **furniture and equipment** by advertising unwanted items internally within the Board.

Recycle

- (8) **all paper products** using a paper recycling system set up in all offices and classrooms;
- (9) **cans and containers** using a container recycling system set up in strategic locations throughout the school;
- (10) **photocopier toner bottles and printer cartridges** (if this opportunity exists in your Board) by collecting empty toner containers and printer cartridges according to the procedure outlined by the company that recycles these products.



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“The energy contained in nature, in the atom and the sunshine will not avail us if we fail to activate the most precious vital energy: the moral-spiritual energy inherent in humankind.” David Ben-Gurion

THE ONTARIO ECOSCHOOLS Energy Conservation Guidelines

The following standards form the basis of the Energy Conservation EcoReview:

Lights and Equipment

- (1) Lights are turned OFF when not required.
- (2) Computer monitors are either turned OFF or computers are put to SLEEP when not in use.
- (3) Computer peripherals such as printers, scanners and other electronic equipment are also turned OFF when not in use.
- (4) Only the most energy efficient equipment is purchased (e.g., Energy Star).
- (5) An equipment consolidation program is implemented to ensure that energy is not wasted by using more equipment than is necessary (e.g., reducing the number of computer printers through networking).

Heating and Air Conditioning

- (6) Windows and curtains are closed at the end of the school day.
- (7) Space around vents on walls or window sills is kept free of obstruction.
- (8) Doors to the outside of the building are not left open longer than necessary.
- (9) The school adheres to Board standard room temperatures and makes maximum use of its computer controlled temperature system (if available).
- (10) Mechanical equipment and water faucets are checked regularly and problems are reported promptly.



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