

WASTE MANAGEMENT BENEFITS FOR SCHOOLS

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Education has a great value to everyone. To teach them how to live differently than what they observe in their physical surroundings, children must receive the necessary training and education. Children who are well-guided learn more effectively and can take initiative to modify their surroundings.

The fact that there are too many people living in too unequal societies, using too many unsustainable technologies, consuming too many resources, and eventually producing too much trash is the main cause of ecological deterioration. With the increase in solid waste output brought on by fast urbanization and population growth, solid waste management (SWM) is becoming more and more important in the Philippines. The most recent SWM law in the nation, Republic Act (RA) 9003, decentralizes the management system to address solid waste issues. Local government units are required by RA 9003 to build their own Materials Recovery Facilities that can separate, compost, reduce waste, and recycle a variety of waste streams.

More trash cans should be made available in schools to handle the growing amount of waste. Moreover, more trash cans should be placed around the grounds to reduce litter and deal with waste more efficiently. Then, it will be simple to collect and discard these bins. Improved garbage separation in schools results in a greater range of waste materials, including food waste, general waste, packaging, metals, and plastics. Correct waste separation is essential for increasing recycling, and waste management can offer a system that is optimized for this. Your school will be safe for kids with regularly managed and maintained waste disposal facilities.

Although controlling the increasing volume of solid waste in schools is getting more difficult every year, there are significant advantages that your school could experience with an upgraded system. Your school will be a lot cleaner due to a better trash disposal system and less rubbish accumulating on site. This not only improves the staff and students' health, but it also maintains you well above the law and makes your school look better to any visitors or potential parents. As we've already discussed, schools are crucial in teaching children how to appropriately handle waste. You can create a more sustainable generation by teaching them how to recycle, keep spaces clean, and limit their waste production by establishing an effective waste management strategy.

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