



FOOD WASTE RECYCLING PROGRESS REPORT

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**Breathe California Sacramento Region
Food Waste Recycling Progress Report
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Monthly Progress Report

Project Details

Project name	Food Scraps Recycling Program
Reporting period	November 2025
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Progress Summary-County of El Dorado Activities & Outputs

Milestone 1: Recruit a maximum of fifteen (15) schools to launch and implement a Food Scraps & Recycling Program between the July 2025-April 2026 school year.

Status	Achieved In progress Challenges Not started
Task	Obtain MOUs from a maximum of fifteen (15) schools.
Task dates	<i>Planned: July 2025– April 2026</i> <i>Actual: July 2025 - Present</i>
Progress	<p>July: SacBreathe created an MOU template for schools receiving a full program launch.</p> <p>Aug: SacBreathe received a signed MOU from Golden Sierra Junior Senior High School on August 12, 2025.</p> <p>Sept: SacBreathe received a signed MOU for Mountain Creek Middle School (PUSD) on September 3, 2025.</p> <p>Oct: SacBreathe received a signed MOU for Sierra Ridge Middle School and Pinewood Elementary School (PPESD) on October 10, 2025.</p> <p>Nov: SacBreathe received a signed MOU for Gold Trail School and Sutters Mill School (GTUSD) on November 12, 2025.</p>
Outputs created	<p>July: MOU Template, see supporting document.</p> <p>Aug: Signed Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs), see supporting document.</p> <p>Sept: Signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU): Mountain Creek Middle School (PUSD), see supporting document</p> <p>Oct: Signed Memorandums of Understanding (MOU): Sierra Ridge Middle School & Pinewood Elementary School (PPESD), see supporting document</p> <p>Nov: Signed Memorandums of Understanding (MOU): Gold Trail School & Sutters Mill School (GTUSD), see supporting document</p>
Task	Create a launch schedule in the order most efficient to implement the program.
Task dates	<i>Planned: July 2025– April 2026</i> <i>Actual: July 2025 - Present</i>
Progress	<p>July: SacBreathe scheduled a program launch at Golden Sierra Junior High School in Black Oak Mine Unified School District (BOMUSD) for August 13-19. In addition, SacBreathe scheduled a program launch at Pioneer Elementary School in Pioneer Union School District (PUSD) for September 8-12.</p>

	<p>Aug: SacBreathe is scheduled to launch the program at Pioneer Elementary School on September 8.</p> <p>Sept: SacBreathe is scheduled to launch the program at Mountain Creek Middle School (PUSD) on October 27.</p> <p>Oct: SacBreathe is scheduled to launch the program at Sierra Ridge Middle School on November 17 and Pinewood Elementary School on December 1.</p> <p>Nov: SacBreathe is scheduled to launch the program at Gold Trail School on January 12 and Sutters Mill School on January 26.</p>
Outputs created	<p>July: Launch Schedule, see progress report.</p> <p>Aug: Launch Schedule, see progress report.</p> <p>Sept: Launch Schedule, see progress report.</p> <p>Oct: Launch Schedule, see progress report.</p> <p>Nov: Launch Schedule, see progress report.</p>

Milestone 2: Provide a full program launch at a maximum of fifteen (15) schools and provide technical assistance through the end of the contracted year.

Status	Achieved In progress Challenges Not started
Task	Provide student training through in-class lessons, school-wide presentations, tabling or outreach methods and an online toolkit.
Task dates	<p><i>Planned: August 2025– April 2026</i></p> <p><i>Actual: August 2025- Present</i></p>
Progress	<p>Aug: SacBreathe launched the Food Scraps & Recycling Program at Golden Sierra Junior Senior High School on August 13, 2025. From August 13 to 19, SacBreathe provided student training through interactive tabling activities during lunchtime.</p> <p>Sept: SacBreathe launched the Food Scraps & Recycling Program at Pioneer Elementary School (PUSD) on September 8, 2025, with two school-wide assemblies. From September 8 to 12, SacBreathe provided waste sorting support in the cafeteria at lunchtime.</p> <p>Oct: SacBreathe launched the Food Scraps & Recycling Program at Mountain Creek Middle School (PUSD) on October 27, 2025, with in class presentations. From October 27 to 31, SacBreathe provided waste sorting support in the cafeteria at lunchtime.</p> <p>Nov: SacBreathe launched the Food Scraps & Recycling Program at Sierra Ridge Middle School (PPESD) on November 17, 2025, with in class presentations. From November 17 to November 21, SacBreathe provided waste sorting support in the cafeteria at lunchtime.</p>
Outputs created	<p>Aug: Program Launch and Lunch Support: Golden Sierra Junior Senior High School (BOMUSD), see supporting document.</p> <p>Sept: Program Launch and Lunch Support: Pioneer Elementary School (PUSD), see supporting document.</p> <p>Oct: Program Launch and Lunch Support: Mountain Creek Middle School (PUSD), see supporting document.</p> <p>Nov: Program Launch and Lunch Support: Sierra Ridge Middle School (PPESD), see supporting document.</p>
Task	Provide incentives and educational materials to students, admin, and staff to encourage waste sorting and cooperation.
Task dates	<p><i>Planned: August 2025– April 2026</i></p> <p><i>Actual: August 2025-Present</i></p>
Progress	<p>Aug: From August 13 to August 19, SacBreathe provided incentives and educational materials to students, admin, and staff at Golden Sierra Junior High School to encourage waste sorting and cooperation.</p>

	<p>Sept: From September 8 to 12, SacBreathe provided incentives and educational materials to students and staff at Pioneer Elementary School to encourage waste sorting and cooperation.</p> <p>Oct: From October 27 to 31, SacBreathe provided incentives and educational materials to students and staff at Mountain Creek Middle School to encourage waste sorting and cooperation.</p> <p>Nov: From November 17 to 21, SacBreathe provided incentives and educational materials to students and staff at Sierra Ridge Middle School to encourage waste sorting and cooperation.</p>
Outputs created	<p>Aug: Program Launch and Lunch Support: Golden Sierra Junior Senior High School (BOMUSD), see supporting document.</p> <p>Sept: Program Launch and Lunch Support: Pioneer Elementary School (PUSD), see supporting document.</p> <p>Oct: Program Launch and Lunch Support: Mountain Creek Middle School (PUSD), see supporting document.</p> <p>Nov: Program Launch and Lunch Support: Sierra Ridge Middle School (PPESD), see supporting document.</p>
Task	Provide five (5) days of lunch monitoring to guide students through the waste sorting process.
Task dates	<p>Planned: August 2025– April 2026</p> <p>Actual: August 2025-Present</p>
Progress	<p>Aug: From August 13 to 19, SacBreathe provided student training at Golden Sierra Junior Senior High School through interactive tabling activities during lunchtime and waste station support.</p> <p>Sept: From September 8 to 12, SacBreathe provided lunch monitoring support at Pioneer Elementary. SacBreathe staff guided students and admin through the waste sorting process.</p> <p>Oct: From October 27 to 31, SacBreathe provided lunch monitoring support at Mountain Creek Middle School. SacBreathe staff guided students and admin through the waste sorting process.</p> <p>Nov: From November 17 to 21, SacBreathe provided lunch monitoring support at Sierra Ridge Middle School. SacBreathe staff guided students and admin through the waste sorting process.</p>
Outputs created	<p>Aug: Program Launch and Lunch Support: Golden Sierra Junior Senior High School (BOMUSD), see supporting document.</p> <p>Sept: Program Launch and Lunch Support: Pioneer Elementary School (PUSD), see supporting document.</p> <p>Oct: Program Launch and Lunch Support: Mountain Creek Middle School (PUSD), see supporting document.</p> <p>Nov: Program Launch and Lunch Support: Sierra Ridge Middle School (PPESD), see supporting document.</p>
Task	Provide additional lunchtime support at the request of each school launched within the August 2025 to December 2025 timeframe.
Task dates	<p>Planned: January 2026– April 2026</p> <p>Actual:</p>
Progress	
Outputs created	

Milestone 3: Design a program for a maximum of fifteen (15) schools and develop an ongoing Food Scraps Recycling Program that fits the individual needs of each school focused on long term sustainability.

Status	Achieved In progress Challenges Not started
Task	Procure program supplies and materials.

Task dates	<i>Planned: August 2025– April 2026</i> <i>Actual: August 2025-Present</i>
Progress	<p>Aug: On August 12 and 13, SacBreathe provided Golden Sierra Junior Senior High School with eight (8) 32-gallon green organics cans, two (2) 20-gallon green organics cans, three (3) 22-gallon slim green cans, four (4) 32-gallon can lids, three (3) 22-gallon can lids, four (4) round trash can dollies, four (4) cases of BPI liners and proper signage for the share table, landfill cans, food scraps cans, and tray stacking.</p> <p>Sept: On September 5, SacBreathe provided Pioneer Elementary School with four (4) 32-gallon green organics cans, two (2) round trash can dollies, two (2) cases of BPI liners and proper signage for the share table, landfill cans, food scraps cans, and tray stacking. On September 17, SacBreathe provided Golden Sierra Junior Senior High School with one (1) additional 22-gallon slim green can.</p> <p>Oct: On October 10, SacBreathe provided Pioneer Elementary School with two (2) additional round trash can dollies at the request of the plant manager. On October 27, SacBreathe provided Mountain Creek Middle School with four (4) 32-gallon green organics cans, four (4) round trash can dollies, two (2) cases of BPI liners and proper signage for the share table, landfill cans, food scraps cans, and tray stacking.</p> <p>Nov: On November 17, SacBreathe provided Sierra Ridge Middle School with four (4) 32-gallon green organics cans, four (4) round trash can dollies, two (2) 22-gallon slim green cans, four (4) cases of BPI liners and proper signage for the share table, landfill cans, food scraps cans, and tray stacking.</p>
Outputs created	<p>Aug: <i>Communications Log, see supporting document.</i></p> <p>Sept: <i>Communications Log, see supporting document.</i></p> <p>Oct: <i>Communications Log, see supporting document.</i></p> <p>Nov: <i>Communications Log, see supporting document.</i></p>
Task	Work with participating schools to establish a long-term program design and train teachers and cafeteria staff on state mandates, daily routines, and waste station monitoring.
Task dates	<i>Planned: August 2025– April 2026</i> <i>Actual: August 2025- Present</i>
Progress	<p>Aug: SacBreathe held a key staff training on August 12 at Golden Sierra Junior Senior High School. SacBreathe presented an overview of SB 1383 requirements, disposal guidelines, and an introduction to the new waste station system on campus. From August 13 to August 19, SacBreathe collaborated with custodial and cafeteria staff to establish a long-term waste sorting system.</p> <p>Sept: SacBreathe shared a virtual key staff with Pioneer Elementary administrators on September 2. While on site, SacBreathe met with key staff to provide an overview of SB 1383 requirements, disposal guidelines, and an introduction to the new waste station system on campus. From September 8 to September 12, SacBreathe collaborated with custodial and cafeteria staff to establish a long-term waste sorting system.</p> <p>Oct: SacBreathe provided a key staff training at Pollock Pines Elementary School District on October 13. On October 14, SacBreathe shared a virtual key staff training with Pollock Pines Elementary School District administrators. While on site at Mountain Creek Middle School, SacBreathe met with key staff to provide an overview of SB 1383 requirements, disposal guidelines, and an introduction to the new waste station system on campus. From October 27 to 31, SacBreathe collaborated with custodial and cafeteria staff to establish a long-term waste sorting system.</p>

	Nov: While on site at Sierra Ridge Middle School, SacBreathe met with key staff to provide an overview of SB 1383 requirements, disposal guidelines, and an introduction to the new waste station system on campus. From November 17 to 21, SacBreathe collaborated with custodial and cafeteria staff to establish a long-term waste sorting system.
Outputs created	Aug: Key Staff Training . Communications Log, see supporting document. Sept: Key Staff Training . Communications Log, see supporting document. Oct: Key Staff Training . Communications Log, Key Staff Training: Pollock Pines Elementary School District (PPESD), see supporting documents. Nov: Communications Log, see supporting document.
Task	Provide administration with links to the Food Scraps Toolkit resources and an interactive lesson plan to distribute to teachers.
Task dates	<i>Planned: August 2025– April 2026</i> <i>Actual: August 2025- Present</i>
Progress	Aug: On August 4, August 11, and August 21, SacBreathe provided Principal Ron Morriss at Golden Sierra Junior Senior High School with links to the online toolkit and resources for food scraps recycling, composting, recycling, and edible food recovery. Sept: On September 2 and September 15, SacBreathe provided Superintendent Paturel at Pioneer Elementary with links to the online toolkit and resources for food scraps recycling, composting, recycling, and edible food recovery. Oct: On October 14, SacBreathe provided Superintendent Little at Pollock Pines Elementary School District with links to the online toolkit and resources for food scraps recycling, composting, recycling, and edible food recovery. Nov: On November 17, SacBreathe provided administration at Sierra Ridge Middle School with links to the online toolkit and resources for food scraps recycling, composting, recycling, and edible food recovery.
Outputs created	Aug: Food Scraps Toolkit . Communications Log, see supporting document. Sept: Food Scraps Toolkit . Communications Log, see supporting document. Oct: Food Scraps Toolkit . Communications Log, see supporting document. Nov: Food Scraps Toolkit . Communications Log, see supporting document.

Milestone 4: Assist a maximum of fifteen (15) participating schools with the establishment of an edible food recovery system.

Status	Achieved In progress Challenges Not started
Task	Educate and train students and key staff on edible food recovery by introducing a share-cart system.
Task dates	<i>Planned: August 2025– April 2026</i> <i>Actual: August 2025- Present</i>
Progress	Aug: On August 12, SacBreathe provided an overview of edible food recovery for staff at Golden Sierra Junior Senior High School. While onsite on August 13, SacBreathe assisted cafeteria staff with the introduction of a share-cart system. From August 13-19, SacBreathe guided students and staff on proper food sharing guidelines and share-cart usage. Sept: On September 8, SacBreathe provided an overview of edible food recovery for staff at Pioneer Elementary School. While onsite from September 8 to September 12, SacBreathe assisted cafeteria staff with the introduction of a share-cart system. SacBreathe guided students and staff on proper food sharing guidelines and share-cart usage. Oct: On October 27, SacBreathe provided an overview of edible food recovery for staff and students at Mountain Creek middle School. While onsite from October 27 to 31, SacBreathe assisted cafeteria staff with the introduction of a

	<p>share-cart system. SacBreathe guided students and staff on proper food sharing guidelines and share-cart usage.</p> <p>Nov: On November 17, SacBreathe provided an overview of edible food recovery practices to staff and students at Sierra Ridge Middle School. From November 17 through November 21, SacBreathe provided onsite support to cafeteria staff regarding the proper use of the food share-cart system. During these visits, SacBreathe observed students and staff placing opened and unpackaged hot food items onto the share cart. When this issue was discussed with kitchen and cafeteria personnel, staff reported that school administration had approved the placement of these items on the share cart. SacBreathe provided staff with educational materials outlining proper food-sharing guidelines and food safety requirements. Despite this guidance, kitchen and cafeteria staff continued to permit the sharing of opened and unpackaged hot food items.</p>
Outputs created	<p>Aug: <i>Communications Log, see supporting document.</i></p> <p>Sept: <i>Communications Log, see supporting document.</i></p> <p>Oct: <i>Communications Log, see supporting document.</i></p> <p>Nov: <i>Communications Log, see supporting document. Challenges, see progress report.</i></p>
Task	Assist schools to get in contact with a food recovery organization in their area.
Task dates	<p><i>Planned: August 2025– April 2026</i></p> <p><i>Actual: August 2025-Present</i></p>
Progress	<p>Aug: On August 4, August 11, and August 21, SacBreathe provided Principal Ron Morriss at Golden Sierra Junior Senior High School with a list of local edible food recovery organizations.</p> <p>Sept: On September 2 and September 15, SacBreathe provided Superintendent Paturel at Pioneer Elementary with a list of local edible food recovery organizations.</p> <p>Oct: On October 14, SacBreathe provided Superintendent Little at Pollock Pines Elementary School District with a list of local edible food recovery organizations.</p> <p>Nov: On November 17, SacBreathe provided kitchen staff at Sierra Ridge Middle School with a list of local edible food recovery organizations.</p>
Outputs created	<p>Aug: El Dorado County Resource Links. <i>Communications Log, see supporting document.</i></p> <p>Sept: El Dorado County Resource Links. <i>Communications Log, see supporting document.</i></p> <p>Oct: El Dorado County Resource Links. <i>Communications Log, see supporting document.</i></p> <p>Nov: El Dorado County Resource Links. <i>Communications Log, see supporting document.</i></p>

Milestone 5: Offer a full program kit and an upgraded toolkit training to the remaining 21 (twenty-one) schools within the county that do not participate in a full program launch.

Status	Achieved In progress Challenges Not started
Task	Offer a full program kit to the remaining 21 (twenty-one) schools within the county that do not participate in a full program launch.
Task dates	<p><i>Planned: July 2025– April 2026</i></p> <p><i>Actual: July 2025 - Present</i></p>
Progress	<p>July: SacBreathe created an MOU template for schools receiving a full program kit with an upgraded toolkit training. On July 28, SacBreathe offered a full program kit to Amy Jensen at Black Oak Mine Unified School District (BOMUSD) for Otter Creek School, American River Charter, and Divide Continuation. Amy Jensen declined the program kit due to school size, exemption, and off-site learning. On July 30, SacBreathe offered a full program kit to Rolling Hills Middle School in Buckeye Union School District</p>

	<p>(BUSD). Assistant Principal Sean Gallagher declined the program kit. SacBreathe will provide a full program kit to Latrobe School and Millers Hill School in Latrobe School District (LSD).</p> <p>Aug: On August 6, SacBreathe provided Latrobe Elementary School and Millers Hill Middle School (LSD) with four (4) 20-gallon green organics cans, two (2) round trash can dollies, two 22-gallon slim green organics cans, two liquid buckets with strainers, two (2) 100 pack cases of BPI certified biodegradable liners, and proper signage for the share table, landfill cans, food scraps cans, liquid disposal, and tray stacking.</p> <p>Sept: On September 17, SacBreathe reached out to Robert Whittenberg at El Dorado Union High School District (EDUHSD) to offer program supplies and onsite support to Pacific Crest Academy.</p> <p>Oct: There are no updates for the month of October. SacBreathe will continue to offer program kits to schools within the county in December 2025.</p> <p>Nov: There are no updates for the month of November. SacBreathe will continue to offer program kits to schools within the county in December 2025.</p>
Outputs created	<p>July: Program Kit Tracker, see progress report. MOU Template, see supporting documents.</p> <p>Aug: Communications Log, see supporting document.</p> <p>Sept: Program Kit Tracker, see progress report. Communications Log, see supporting documents.</p>
Task	Provide school administration with links to an upgraded toolkit training.
Task dates	<p><i>Planned: July 2025– April 2026</i></p> <p><i>Actual: July 2025 - Present</i></p>
Progress	<p>July: SacBreathe is in the process of creating an upgraded toolkit training for students and staff.</p> <p>Aug: The upgraded toolkit training is in the final reviewing process and will be completed in September 2025.</p> <p>Sept: The upgraded toolkit training is in the final reviewing process.</p> <p>Oct: The upgraded toolkit training is complete. SacBreathe staff will begin distributing the toolkit to school administration in November. The upgraded toolkit contains a comprehensive Food Scraps & Recycling Program Implementation Guide and detailed resources for schools to implement organics recycling independently.</p> <p>Nov: SacBreathe has begun sharing the upgraded toolkit with school administration throughout the County of El Dorado.</p>
Outputs created	<p>Oct: 2025-26 Implementation Guide and Implementation Guide Files, see links. Educational Collateral: Upgraded Online Toolkit, see supporting documents.</p> <p>Nov: Communications Log, see supporting document.</p>

Milestone 6: Create and update educational resources and collateral material to reflect program development.

Status	Achieved In progress Challenges Not started
Task	Create and update educational collateral including presentation slides on the benefits of recycling and waste sorting.
Task dates	<p><i>Planned: August 2025– April 2026</i></p> <p><i>Actual: August 2025- Present</i></p>
Progress	<p>Aug: SacBreathe created an updated Waste Station Diagram and Waste Station Layout to incorporate a share chart.</p> <p>Sept: SacBreathe created and ordered poster sized (24" x 18") signage for schools to display on campus.</p>

	<p>Oct: SacBreathe created an upgraded toolkit containing a comprehensive Food Scraps & Recycling Program Implementation Guide and detailed resources for schools to implement organics recycling independently.</p> <p>Nov: SacBreathe continues to create educational collateral through lesson planning.</p>
Outputs created	<p>Aug: Educational Collateral: Updated Waste Sorting Diagrams (English and Spanish), see supporting document.</p> <p>Sept: Educational Collateral: Poster Sized Signage (24" x 18"), see supporting document.</p> <p>Oct: 2025-26 Implementation Guide and Implementation Guide Files, see links. Educational Collateral: Upgraded Online Toolkit, see supporting documents.</p> <p>Nov: Grade-level Appropriate Lesson Plan: Grades 3 and 4, see supporting document.</p>
Task	Create and update grade-level appropriate lesson plans to reinforce the importance of reducing food waste, food recovery, and composting.
Task dates	<p><i>Planned: September 2025– April 2026</i></p> <p><i>Actual: September 2025-Present</i></p>
Progress	<p>Sept: SacBreathe created a grade-level appropriate lesson plan for grades 7 and 8. The lesson plan focuses on food waste recycling and the process of composting.</p> <p>Oct: SacBreathe is in the process of creating lesson plans for grades TK-6 and 9-12.</p> <p>Nov: SacBreathe created a grade-level appropriate lesson plan for grades 3 and 4. The lesson plan focuses on proper waste separation and food recovery.</p>
Outputs created	<p>Sept: Grade-level Appropriate Lesson Plan: Grades 7 and 8, see supporting document.</p> <p>Nov: Grade-level Appropriate Lesson Plan: Grades 3 and 4, see supporting document.</p>

Milestone 7: Create and distribute two (2) quarterly newsletters to school districts and school administrators about the Food Scraps & Recycling Program and resources and information on state mandate compliance.

Status	Achieved In progress Challenges Not started
Task	Deliver two (2) quarterly newsletters to school and district administration via email.
Task dates	<p><i>Planned: July 2025– April 2026</i></p> <p><i>Actual: July 2025 - Present</i></p>
Progress	<p>July: The August newsletter is being prepared and will be sent to school districts and administrators on August 15.</p> <p>Aug: The August newsletter was distributed to school districts and administrators on August 15.</p> <p>Sept: The October newsletter is being prepared and will be sent to school districts and administrators on October 15.</p> <p>Oct: The October newsletter was distributed to school districts and administrators October 15.</p> <p>Nov: The December newsletter is being prepared and will be sent to school districts and administrators on December 15.</p>
Outputs created	<p>Aug: Quarterly Recycling and Organics Recycling Updates Newsletter: August, see supporting document.</p> <p>Oct: Quarterly Recycling and Organics Recycling Updates Newsletter: October, see supporting document.</p>

Milestone 8: Provide community engagement through outreach events.

Status	Achieved In progress Challenges Not started
Task	Participate in up to five (5) community events and encourage community engagement through outreach activities focused on awareness of food scraps recycling.
Task dates	<i>Planned: July 2025– April 2026</i> <i>Actual: July 2025 - Present</i>
Progress	<p>July: SacBreathe reached out to the El Dorado Hills Community Services District to request to participate in National Night Out on August 8. However, due to staffing conflicts, SacBreathe will no longer be able to participate.</p> <p>Aug: SacBreathe reached out to Teri Gotro at El Dorado Hills Community Services District to inquire about upcoming opportunities for community engagement.</p> <p>Sept: SacBreathe reached out to Amy Jensen at Black Oak Mine Unified School District (BOMUSD) to inquire about upcoming opportunities for community engagement.</p> <p>Oct: SacBreathe continues to research upcoming outreach opportunities throughout the county.</p> <p>Nov: SacBreathe reached out to Emily Gallo at Black Oak Mine Unified School District (BOMUSD) to inquire about upcoming opportunities for community engagement.</p>
Outputs created	<p>July: <i>Communication Log, see supporting document.</i></p> <p>Aug: <i>Communications Log, see supporting document.</i></p> <p>Sept: <i>Communications Log, see supporting document.</i></p> <p>Nov: <i>Communications Log, see supporting document.</i></p>

Milestone 9: Collaborate with county waste haulers and assist with outreach for community-based organizations and/or food recovery groups.

Status	Achieved In progress Challenges Not started
Task	Work with the Environmental Management Department to plan meetings with county waste haulers, food banks, and food recovery organizations to collaborate on strategy and implementation.
Task dates	<i>Planned: July 2025– April 2026</i> <i>Actual: July 2025 - Present</i>
Progress	<p>July: On July 29, SacBreathe met with Kristina Noble from El Dorado Disposal to collaborate on program implementation and strategies for recruitment for the 2025-26 school year.</p> <p>Aug: On August 12, SacBreathe collaborated with Kristina Noble from El Dorado Disposal to discuss program implementation at Golden Sierra Junior Senior High School. SacBreathe reached out to Feeding the Foothills to request a meeting to discuss SB 1383 implementation and edible food recovery.</p> <p>Sept: On September 29, SacBreathe collaborated with Kristina Noble from El Dorado Disposal to discuss program implementation in Placerville Union School District and Mountain Creek Middle School. SacBreathe scheduled a meeting for October 3 with Feeding the Foothills to discuss SB 1383 implementation and edible food recovery.</p> <p>Oct: SacBreathe met with Feeding the Foothills on October 3 to discuss SB 1383 implementation and edible food recovery.</p> <p>Nov: SacBreathe met with Kristina Noble from El Dorado Disposal on November 17 to discuss program implementation and waste hauling at Sierra Ridge Middle School.</p>

Outputs created	<p>July: Communication Log, see supporting document.</p> <p>Aug: Communications Log, see supporting document.</p> <p>Sept: Communications Log, see supporting document.</p> <p>Oct: Communications Log, see supporting document.</p> <p>Nov: Communications Log, see supporting document.</p>
Task	Assist with outreach for between two (2) to four (4) groups or organizations by delivering additional education on SB 1383 to increase awareness and participation in the region.
Task dates	<p><i>Planned: July 2025– April 2026</i></p> <p><i>Actual: July 2025 - Present</i></p>
Progress	<p>July: On July 16, SacBreathe presented at a CalRecycle webinar in collaboration with Julie Abbatelli from the County of El Dorado. The presentation provided an overview of the Food Scraps & Recycling Program and discussed best practices for organics recycling program implementation in K-12 schools.</p> <p>Aug: SacBreathe provided Feeding the Foothills with links to our online Toolkit and inquired about the need for additional resources.</p> <p>Sept: SacBreathe is scheduled to meet with Feeding the Foothills on October 3 to discuss edible food recovery in El Dorado County.</p> <p>Oct: SacBreathe met with Feeding the Foothills on October 3 to discuss SB 1383 implementation and edible food recovery.</p> <p>Nov: There are no updates for the month of November. SacBreathe will continue to reach out to organizations in December.</p>
Outputs created	<p>July: Communication Log, see supporting document.</p> <p>Aug: Communications Log, see supporting document.</p> <p>Sept: Communications Log, see supporting document.</p> <p>Oct: Communications Log, see supporting document.</p>

Milestone 10: Maintain regular communication with a county representative.

Status	Achieved In progress Challenges Not started
Task	Submit monthly progress reports including lessons and challenges and establish a regular check-in schedule with a county representative.
Task dates	<p><i>Planned: July 2025– April 2026</i></p> <p><i>Actual: July 2025 - Present</i></p>
Progress	<p>July: SacBreathe met with Julie Abbatelli from El Dorado County's Environmental Management Department on July 17 to discuss contract updates and the strategies for program recruitment in the 2025-26 school year.</p> <p>Aug: SacBreathe met with Julie Abbatelli from El Dorado County's Environmental Management Department on August 14 to discuss contract updates and the strategies for program recruitment in the 2025-26 school year.</p> <p>Sept: SacBreathe met with Julie Abbatelli from El Dorado County's Environmental Management Department on September 11 and September 25 to discuss contract updates and the strategies for program recruitment in the 2025-26 school year.</p> <p>Oct: SacBreathe met with Julie Abbatelli from El Dorado County's Environmental Management Department on October 16 to discuss contract updates and the strategies for program recruitment in the 2025-26 school year.</p> <p>Nov: SacBreathe met with Julie Abbatelli from El Dorado County's Environmental Management Department on November 6 to discuss contract</p>

	updates and the strategies for program recruitment in the 2025-26 school year.
Outputs created	July: Communication Log, see supporting document. Aug: Communications Log, see supporting document. Sept: Communications Log, see supporting document. Oct: Communications Log, see supporting document. Nov: Communications Log, see supporting document

Milestone 11: Submit Waste Diversion Report

Status	Achieved In progress Challenges Not started
Task	Prepare a final report of the total amount of waste diverted at each launched school for the 2025-26 contracted year, including best practices and lessons learned.
Task dates	Planned: April 2026 Actual:
Progress	
Outputs created	
Task	Provide a key staff survey at each fully launched school.
Task dates	Planned: April 2026 Actual:
Progress	
Outputs created	

Meetings Held

Date	Partner / Stakeholder	Purpose
11/06/25	County of El Dorado Environmental Management Department <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Julie Abbatelli, Solid Waste Division Sustainability Coordinator Paige Arnett, Food Scraps & Recycling Program Manager Shivam Gandhi, Food Scraps & Recycling Program Intern 	The purpose of these meetings is to maintain a regular check-in schedule with the county. SacBreathe provided updates on the progress and challenges with recruitment.
11/17/25	El Dorado Disposal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kristina Noble, El Dorado Disposal Paige Arnett, Food Scraps & Recycling Program Manager Shivam Gandhi, Food Scraps & Recycling Program Intern 	SacBreathe met with Kristina Noble to discuss program implementation and organics hauling at Sierra Ridge Middle School.

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Launches Scheduled

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08/13/25-08/19/25	Golden Sierra Junior Senior High School / Black Oak Mine Unified School District (BOMUSD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amy Jensen, Director of Nutrition Services (BOMUSD) Ron Morris, Principal Kelli Myers, Custodian Paige Arnett, Food Scraps & Recycling Program Manager Shivam Gandhi, Food Scraps & Recycling Program Intern 	<p>SacBreathe launched the Food Scraps & Recycling Program at Golden Sierra Junior Senior High School on August 13. SacBreathe was onsite during the lunch period to provide tabling education and waste sorting assistance from August 13 to August 19.</p> <p>Complete</p>
09/08/25-09/12/25	Pioneer Elementary School / Pioneer Union School District (PUSD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kelly Howard, Chief Business Officer Patrick Paturel, Superintendent and Principal Paige Arnett, Food Scraps & Recycling Program Manager Shivam Gandhi, Food Scraps & Recycling Program Intern 	<p>SacBreathe launched the Food Scraps & Recycling Program at Pioneer Elementary School on September 8 with school-wide educational presentations. SacBreathe was onsite during the lunch period to provide lunch support from September 8 to September 12.</p> <p>Complete</p>
10/27/25-10/31/25	Mountain Creek Middle School / Pioneer Union School District (PUSD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kelly Howard, Chief Business Officer Patrick Paturel, Superintendent and Principal Paige Arnett, Food Scraps & Recycling Program Manager Shivam Gandhi, Food Scraps & Recycling Program Intern 	<p>SacBreathe will launch the Food Scraps & Recycling Program at Mountain Creek Middle School on October 27 with in class educational presentations. SacBreathe will be onsite during the lunch period to provide lunch support from October 27 to October 31.</p> <p>Complete</p>

11/17/25- 11/21/25	Sierra Ridge Middle School / Pollock Pines Elementary School District (PPESD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kim Little, Superintendent • Gabe Lundquist, Maintenance & Operations • Jeremy Ogzewalla, Principal • Paige Arnett, Food Scraps & Recycling Program Manager • Shivam Gandhi, Food Scraps & Recycling Program Intern 	SacBreathe will launch the Food Scraps & Recycling Program at Sierra Ridge Middle School on November 17 with in class educational presentations. SacBreathe will be onsite during the lunch period to provide lunch support from November 17 to November 21. Complete
12/01/25- 12/05/25	Pinewood Elementary School / Pollock Pines Elementary School District (PPESD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kim Little, Superintendent • Gabe Lundquist, Maintenance & Operations • Heather Minton, Principal • Paige Arnett, Food Scraps & Recycling Program Manager • Shivam Gandhi, Food Scraps & Recycling Program Intern 	SacBreathe will launch the Food Scraps & Recycling Program at Pinewood Elementary School with a schoolwide assembly. SacBreathe will be onsite during the lunch period to provide lunch support from December 1 to December 5. Not started
01/12/26- 01/16/26	Gold Trail School / Gold Trail Union School District (GTUSD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dan Mayers, Principal • Julie Reynolds, School Secretary • Keri Phillips, Superintendent • Rachael Ryen, Lead Food Services Worker • Paige Arnett, Food Scraps & Recycling Program Manager • Shivam Gandhi, Food Scraps & Recycling Program Intern 	SacBreathe will launch the Food Scraps & Recycling Program at Gold Trail School with schoolwide education. SacBreathe will be onsite during the lunch period to provide lunch support from January 12 to January 16. Not started
01/26/26- 01/30/26	Sutters Mill School / Gold Trail Union School District (GTUSD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sierra Thurlo, School Secretary • Keri Phillips, Superintendent • Rachael Ryen, Lead Food Services Worker • Paige Arnett, Food Scraps & Recycling Program Manager • Shivam Gandhi, Food Scraps & Recycling Program Intern 	SacBreathe will launch the Food Scraps & Recycling Program at Sutters Mill School with schoolwide education. SacBreathe will be onsite during the lunch period to provide lunch support from January 26 to January 30. Not started

Program Kit Tracker

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07/28/25	Otter Creek School / Black Oak Mine Unified School District (BOMUSD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amy Jensen, Director of Nutrition Services (BOMUSD) 	SacBreathe offered a full program kit for SB 1383 implementation. The program kit was declined due to school size and exemption. Declined
07/28/25	American River Charter / Black Oak Mine Unified School District (BOMUSD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amy Jensen, Director of Nutrition Services (BOMUSD) 	SacBreathe offered a full program kit for SB 1383 implementation. The program kit was declined due to off-site learning. Declined
07/28/25	Divide Continuation / Black Oak Mine Unified School District (BOMUSD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amy Jensen, Director of Nutrition Services (BOMUSD) 	SacBreathe offered a full program kit for SB 1383 implementation. The program kit was declined due to school size and exemption. Declined
07/30/25	Rolling Hills Middle School / Buckeye Union School District (BUSD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sean Gallagher, Assistant Principal Debra Bowers, Principal 	SacBreathe offered a full program kit to Assistant Principal Sean Gallagher for SB 1383 implementation. The program kit was declined. Declined
08/06/25	Latrobe School / Latrobe School District (LSD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dave Scroggins, Superintendent Joy Worth, Administrative Assistant 	SacBreathe provided a full program kit for SB 1383 implementation. Complete
08/06/25	Millers Hill School / Latrobe School District (LSD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dave Scroggins, Superintendent Joy Worth, Administrative Assistant 	SacBreathe provided a full program kit for SB 1383 implementation. Complete
09/17/25	Pacific Crest Academy / El Dorado Union High School District (EDUHSD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Robert Whittenberg, Superintendent Tim White, Director of Nutrition Services 	SacBreathe offered a full program kit to Superintendent Whittenberg for SB 1383 implementation. A response has not been received. In progress

Challenges & Lessons Learned

November 2025: Sierra Ridge Middle School

While onsite at Sierra Ridge Middle School from November 17 to November 21, SacBreathe observed students and staff placing opened and unpackaged hot food items onto the food share cart. When this occurred, SacBreathe instructed a student to dispose of an opened item in the food scraps container, however, a cafeteria staff member indicated that such items were permitted to be shared. When the issue was further discussed with kitchen and cafeteria personnel, staff reported that school administration had approved placing opened and unpackaged hot food items on the share cart to help ensure students receive enough food.

SacBreathe provided staff with educational materials outlining proper food-sharing guidelines and food safety requirements. Despite this, kitchen and cafeteria staff continued to allow the sharing of opened and unpackaged hot food items.

Additionally, SacBreathe observed that the liquid collection bucket was placed on the food share cart. SacBreathe advised relocating the bucket to prevent potential contamination of shared food, however, custodial staff did not make the recommended change.

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Communication Log to School Districts and
Schools in the El Dorado County Region

Communication Log- El Dorado
November 2025

County Partners	Name / Position	Context	Method of Communication
County of El Dorado, Environmental Management Department	Julie Abbatelli, Sustainability Coordinator, Solid Waste Division	Nov 6: SacBreathe provided the meeting agenda for the check-in on November 6. SacBreathe met with Julie via Zoom to share the progress and challenges with recruitment.	<i>Electronic (2)</i>
		Nov 13: SacBreathe proposed reaching out to EDCOE to assist with recruitment.	<i>Electronic</i>
		Nov 14: SacBreathe shared the progress report for October 2025.	<i>Electronic</i>
		Nov 20: SacBreathe provided the signed MOUs for Gold Trail Union School District (GTUSD). SacBreathe shared the invoice for October 2025.	<i>Electronic</i>
			Totals <i>Electronic: 5</i>
	Timothy Engle, Supervising Environmental Health Specialist, Solid Waste Division	Nov 14: SacBreathe shared the progress report for October 2025.	<i>Electronic</i>
		Nov 20: SacBreathe shared the invoice for October 2025.	<i>Electronic</i>
			Totals <i>Electronic: 2</i>
	Jackie Scaggs, Administrative Analyst	Nov 14: SacBreathe shared the progress report for October 2025.	<i>Electronic</i>
		Nov 20: SacBreathe shared the invoice for October 2025. Jackie requested information regarding the retention release invoice. SacBreathe shared that the invoices would be provided by November 21.	<i>Electronic (2)</i>
		Nov 21: SacBreathe provided additional information regarding the retention release invoice.	<i>Electronic</i>
			Totals <i>Electronic: 4</i>
El Dorado Disposal	Kristina Noble, Education and Outreach Coordinator	Nov 13: SacBreathe requested additional information about the status of organics collection within Buckeye Union School District (BUSD) and Camino Union School District (CUSD).	<i>Electronic</i>
		Nov 14: Kristina confirmed that none of the schools within BUSD and CUSD have begun organics collection services.	<i>Electronic</i>

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		<p>Nov 17: SacBreathe met with Kristina to discuss waste hauling and program implementation at Sierra Ridge Middle School.</p> <p>Nov 18: Kristina requested information on the status of recruitment with Rescue Union School District. SacBreathe provided the status of recruitment.</p> <p>Nov 20: SacBreathe provided the signed MOUs for Gold Trail Union School District (GTUSD) and informed Kristina of the launch dates at each school site.</p>	<p><i>Direct Contact</i></p> <p><i>Electronic (2)</i></p> <p><i>Electronic (2)</i></p> <p>Totals <i>Electronic: 6</i> <i>Direct Contact: 1</i></p>
El Dorado County Office of Education	<p>Ed Manansala, Superintendent</p> <p>Wendy Frederickson, Associate Superintendent</p>	Nov 13: SacBreathe reached out to EDCOE to request assistance with recruitment, specifically with Buckeye Union School District (BUSD) and Camino Union School District (CUSD).	<p><i>Electronic</i></p> <p>Totals <i>Electronic: 1</i></p>
Outreach Opportunities	Name / Position	Context	Method of Communication
Black Oak Mine Unified School District (BOMUSD)	Emily Gallo, Principal at Northside Elementary School	Nov 25: SacBreathe requested information on upcoming Community Night Out events within the district.	<p><i>Electronic</i></p> <p>Totals <i>Electronic: 1</i></p>
School Districts / Schools	Name / Position	Context	Method of Communication
Pollock Pines Elementary School District (PPESD)	<p>Kim Little, Superintendent</p> <p>Tara Clark, Chief Business Officer</p> <p>Gabe Lundquist, Maintenance & Operations</p> <p>Jeremy Ogzewalla, Sierra Ridge Principal</p>	<p>Nov 10: Superintendent Little requested information regarding the program supplies that would be delivered to Sierra Ridge Middle School at the time of the launch.</p> <p>Nov 12: SacBreathe shared a list of materials that would be provided to Sierra Ridge Middle School on November 17. SacBreathe provided additional information regarding the program launch timeline and expectations.</p> <p>Nov 21: SacBreathe provided a reminder for the upcoming program launch at Pinewood Elementary on December 1.</p>	<p><i>Electronic</i></p> <p><i>Electronic</i></p> <p><i>Electronic</i></p>

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	Heather Minton, Pinewood Elementary Principal	Nov 24: Superintendent Little provided the lunch times for Pinewood Elementary.	<i>Electronic</i> Totals <i>Electronic: 4</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sierra Ridge Middle School (PPESD) 	Jeremy Ogzewalla, Principal Eric Schlavin, Teacher	<p>Nov 13: SacBreathe shared information regarding the program launch and class presentation schedule for November 17.</p> <p>Nov 17: SacBreathe provided in-class presentations for eight classes at Sierra Ridge Middle School. Following the presentations, SacBreathe was on-site until November 21 providing lunchtime support for students and staff. While on-site, SacBreathe provided training to custodial and cafeteria staff to promote long-term waste sorting success in the cafeteria. SacBreathe spoke with cafeteria and kitchen staff regarding proper food sharing guidelines for open and unpackaged hot foods. Kitchen staff informed SacBreathe that school administration permits the sharing of such items. SacBreathe informed kitchen staff of food sharing best practices.</p> <p>Nov 18: SacBreathe spoke with kitchen staff at Sierra Ridge Middle School to discuss proper food sharing guidelines and organics recycling.</p>	<i>Electronic</i> <i>Direct Contact (5)</i> <i>Direct Contact</i> Totals <i>Electronic: 1</i> <i>Direct Contact: 6</i>
Gold Trail Union School District (GTUSD)	Keri Phillips, Superintendent Rachael Ryen, Lead Food Services Worker Brad Jackson, Maintenance & Operations	<p>Nov 5: Rachael Ryen informed SacBreathe that the district is ready to move forward with launching the program within GTUSD. SacBreathe shared MOUs for each school.</p> <p>Nov 12: District administration provided the signed MOUs and inquired about the next steps.</p> <p>Nov 13: SacBreathe provided available dates for a program launch at each school site.</p> <p>Nov 20: A program launch was scheduled on January 12 at Gold Trail School and January 26 at Sutters Mill School.</p>	<i>Electronic (2)</i> <i>Electronic (2)</i> <i>Electronic</i> <i>Electronic (2)</i> Totals <i>Electronic: 7</i>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sutters Mill School (GTUSD) 	Sierra Thurlo, School Secretary	Nov 20: SacBreathe informed school administration about the scheduled program launch on January 26 and requested a brief meeting to coordinate the launch details.	<i>Electronic</i> Totals <i>Electronic: 1</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gold Trail School (GTUSD) 	Dan Mayers, Principal Julie Reynolds, School Secretary	Nov 20: SacBreathe informed school administration about the scheduled program launch on January 26 and requested a brief meeting to coordinate the launch details.	<i>Electronic</i> Totals <i>Electronic: 1</i>
Placerville Union School District (PUSD)	Eric Bonniksen, Superintendent Jennifer Fusano, Chief Business Official Karen Whittington, Nutrition Services Director Jeremy Coleman, Maintenance & Operations	Nov 25: SacBreathe left a voicemail for Superintendent Bonniksen regarding the Food Scraps & Recycling Program in PUSD.	<i>Electronic</i> Totals <i>Electronic: 1</i>

Partner Communication Totals		
Print	Electronic	Direct Contact
0	18	1

Outreach Opportunities Communication Totals		
Print	Electronic	Direct Contact
0	1	0

School & District Communication Totals		
Print	Electronic	Direct Contact
0	15	6

Combined Communication Totals		
Print	Electronic	Direct Contact
0	34	7

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b. Supporting Document

Signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU):
Gold Trail School & Sutters Mill School (GTUSD)

Memorandum of Understanding

Between

Breathe California Sacramento Region (SacBreathe) and Gold Trail School (GTUSD)
Name of school

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Name: Jennifer Finton

Name: KERI PHILLIPS

Title: Chief Executive Officer

Title: SUPERINTENDENT

Breathe California Sacramento Region

School: GOLD TRAIL SCHOOL

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c. Supporting Document

Program Launch & Lunch Support: Sierra Ridge
Middle School (PPESD)

Program Launch & Lunch Support: Sierra Ridge Middle School (PPESD)



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d. Supporting Document

Grade-level Appropriate Lesson Plan:

Grades 3 and 4

Grade-level Appropriate Lesson Plan: Grades 3 and 4



Summary

Date

Subject [Sort Smart & Recycle Right](#)

Year Group or Grade Level [Grade 3](#) [Grade 4](#)

Main Topic or Unit [Sort Smart & Recycle Right](#)

Subtopics or Key Concepts [Where does food waste go?](#)

Materials Needed

☐ Projector, Smart Board, or Individual Chrome Books

☐ Paper and Pencil/Pen or Individual Chrome Books

Learning Objectives

Identify and sort various types of waste.

Understand the difference between recycling, food scraps recycling, and composting.

Identify what happens to food waste when it is not sorted properly.

Lesson Outline:		
Duration	Guide	Remarks
15 minutes	Students watch the Sort Smart Recycle Right at School video and fill in the worksheet as they follow along.	Students can watch the video as a whole class, or individually on chrome books. The worksheet can be printed or filled out on individual chrome books.
20 minutes	Students can work independently to complete a word search relating to food scraps recycling, recycling, and composting.	Print out worksheet for students to work on individually.
5 minutes	Ask students to talk to their classmates to share one interesting thing that they learned through the Sort Smart & Recycle Right video.	
10 minutes	Host a class discussion where students are welcomed to share what they learned from their partner.	

Questions or Comments?

Please reach out to BREATHE's Food Scraps & Recycling Program Manager, Paige Arnett at paige@breathe.org

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SORT SMART

WORD SEARCH

Can you find the words hidden in the puzzle?

C	L	F	L	O	R	E	C	Y	C	L	E
O	S	M	O	L	A	N	D	F	I	L	L
M	Q	E	M	O	W	E	X	T	B	S	P
P	A	T	N	P	D	G	A	O	U	A	A
O	P	H	U	L	N	S	R	T	R	N	P
S	M	A	A	A	H	R	C	D	G	A	E
T	I	N	E	S	U	I	W	R	E	R	R
T	L	E	A	T	T	C	C	A	A	I	A
H	F	R	U	I	T	B	N	H	S	P	M
R	T	B	E	C	O	C	E	G	M	T	S
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COMPOST RECYCLE FOOD SCRAPS LANDFILL

METHANE ORGANIC SORT PLASTIC

PAPER TRASH WASTE FRUIT

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SORT SMART

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O	P	H	U	L	N	S	R	T	R	N	P
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T	L	E	A	T	T	C	C	A	A	I	A
H	F	R	U	I	T	B	N	H	S	P	M
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Answer Key

Sort Smart & Recycle Right at School

Instructions: Follow along with the Sort Smart & Recycle Right video and fill in the answers as you go!

1. What color was the trash can that Edgar accidentally threw his leftover pizza into? Gray
2. Fill in the blank: All landfill trash goes in the _____ can.
3. Fill in the blank: Recyclables go in the _____ can.
4. Fill in the blank: Food scraps and food soiled paper products go into the _____ can.
5. Name one item that belongs in the gray can: Empty chip bags, plastic utensils and straws, plastic bags, styrofoam products, milk and juice cartons.
6. Fill in the blank: As food rots, it emits an invisible gas called _____.
7. Fill in the blank: Compost is a soil-like material made from rotten food scraps and food soiled paper.
8. Fill in the blank: All we need to do is put our food scraps and food soiled paper into the _____ can.
9. Name one item that belongs in the green can: Leftover food, fruits and vegetables, banana peels, meats and bones, food soiled paper products (used napkins and cardboard trays).
10. Name one item that belongs in the blue can: Paper, plastic containers, glass bottles and jars, cardboard, paper trays, metal and aluminum, plastic water bottles.
11. Fill in the blank: All recyclables must be clean and dry.
12. Fill in the blank: All we need to do is sort _____ and recycle _____!

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12. Fill in the blank: All we need to do is sort _____ and _____ right!

Lesson Plan Outline Grades 3 and 4

Sort Smart Word Search and Answer Key

Sort Smart & Recycle Right at School Worksheet and Answer Key

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