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PRACTICE A WASTE-FREE SCHOOL YEAR!

With schools starting again soon it is important to continue your waste reduction practices whether the classroom is at the school building or in your living room. While the beginning of this school year will look a lot different than previous years there are still plenty of ways to reduce waste while maintaining a healthy learning environment. Below are some tips to encourage a less wasteful school year and beyond.

- Repair and reuse binders, notebooks, pens, backpacks, etc. Also, consider repairing electronic devices before buying new ones.
- If you need new supplies buy wisely and buy recycled content notebooks, paper, pens, etc. Purchasing refurbished electronic devices is also a good way to prevent waste from occurring and save money too.
- Manage your batteries properly and DO NOT throw them in the trash! If batteries cannot be taken out of the device, the device and battery must be recycled together as electronic waste.
- While the school lunch times may be different, if packing a lunch for your child consider going “zero waste” by putting sandwiches, fruits and veggies in reusable containers instead of plastic bags and using a thermos or reusable bottle instead of disposable juice pouches.
- Encouraging your children to take care of their belongings so that they last for more than one school year is another way to keep waste from ending up in the landfill.
- Finally, do not forget to RECYCLE! It is one of the easiest ways to reduce the amount of waste you send to the landfill. As an added benefit, it is cheaper than throwing it away and conserves our natural resources.

By practicing the tips listed above we can have a healthy, safe, and waste-free school year in Tehama County. Expanding on these practices to other activities in your life will also lead to a waste-free lifestyle that helps keep Tehama County beautiful. Less trash means less revenue for the Tehama County/Red Bluff Landfill; however recycling and the waste reduction activities mentioned above provide much greater benefits such as extending the life of our landfill and conserving natural resources. Diverting material from the landfill enables Tehama County to operate our landfill longer, keeping this valuable resource available for future generations.

For more information please contact the Tehama County Solid Waste Management Agency at (530) 528-1103, email tehamacountyrecycles@co.tehama.ca.us or visit www.tehamacountylandfill.com. Also, check out our YouTube channel “Tehama County

Landfill” for fun and educational videos on waste reduction, reuse, and recycling; and “like” us on Facebook @TehamaCountyLandfill.