

Walpole Public Schools

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Introduction to Re:Dish Walpole Public Schools

- Introduction to Re:Dish partnership.
- Transforming sustainability within our schools.
- Reusable dishware provided for Walpole Middle School and one elementary school.
- Focus on reducing single-use packaging in cafeterias.
- Aligning with our commitment to sustainability and student education.



Why Re:Dish for Walpole Public Schools?

- **Affordable:** No upfront costs, set per-use fee.
- **Environmental Impact:** Reduced waste in landfills, promoting sustainability.
- **Student Empowerment:** Hands-on experience with sustainability.
- **Custodial Team Benefits:** Reduced trash and workload.
- **Great Partnership:** Professional, responsive team at Re:Dish.



Implementation Process

- **Initial Decision:**
 - Decided on the initiative focus.
- **Stakeholder Engagement:**
 - Met with stakeholders, leadership, and custodial staff.
- **Goal Setting:**
 - Agreed on reducing waste as the primary objective.
- **Research and Planning:**
 - Researched available options.
 - Obtained quotes and signed a contract.
- **Launch Preparation:**
 - Developed ideas for the launch, incorporating student involvement.
 - Utilized student ambassadors and morning announcements.
- **Launch and Continuous Improvement:**
 - Launched the initiative.
 - Tracked progress and resolved issues as they arose.

Important Announcement: Switch to Washable Plates Starting Wednesday, December 11th

In our continued efforts to promote sustainability and reduce waste, we are excited to announce that starting Wednesday, December 11th, we will be transitioning to using washable plates in the cafeteria.

This change is part of our commitment to reducing non-organic waste, such as single-use plastic and paper products, that negatively impact the environment.

The shift to washable plates is an important step in our goal to minimize the amount of waste sent to landfills.

By using reusable plates, we can significantly reduce the amount of non-organic waste generated daily, helping to protect our planet for future generations.

Students will be directed to dump any remaining food off their plates and then place the plates in the designated receptacle for collection.

It is important that you do **not** throw the plate away, as this would defeat the purpose of the initiative and could result in additional costs for the program.

As students, you play a crucial role in this sustainability initiative.

Your participation in using these plates will make a big difference in achieving our waste reduction goals.

Together, we can make a meaningful impact on the environment and continue to build a more sustainable future.

Thank you for your support in making this important change!

How Re:Dish Works in Walpole Public Schools

- Dishware Supply: Reliable reusable plates and trays.
- Drop-off Bins: Convenient return points in cafeterias and common areas.
- Cleaning & Sanitization: Professionally handled by Re:Dish.
- Efficiency for Custodians: Reduced trash, fewer bags, and more efficient work.



Real Impact at Walpole Public Schools

- **Reduced Waste:** Noticeable decrease in single-use packaging.
- **Culture of Sustainability:** Students learn about real-world impact.
- **Custodial Team:** Improved workload and efficiency.



Environmental Impact: The Results So Far

- **Current Impact:**
 - 600 paper plates and 500 trays saved daily.
 - 108,000 plates and 90,000 trays diverted from landfills annually.
- **Future Expansion:** Additional schools and more waste diverted.
 - 1,500 trays and 700 plates saved daily in future.
 - 270,000 trays and 126,000 plates diverted annually.



Walpole Schools Sample Impact Report

September 2024



This month, you avoided using **38,500** disposable items!
You've made a positive impact on the environment:

THIS MONTH:

1,171 lbs. of waste diverted
from the waste stream.

That's equivalent to



246

bags of waste
avoided

3,557 kg of CO2e was not
emitted.

That's equivalent to



3,921

lbs. of coal not
burned

3,117 gallons of water saved

That's equivalent to



623

buckets of
water saved

97%

return rate

IN ONE YEAR:

7,028lbs. of waste diverted
from the waste stream.

That's equivalent to



1,479

bags of waste
avoided

21,340 kg of CO2e was not
emitted.

That's equivalent to



23,473

lbs. of coal not
burned

18,703 gallons of water saved

That's equivalent to



3,741

buckets of
water saved

97%

return rate

Walpole Middle School Impact Report

December 2024



IMPACT AREA	MEASUREMENT	THIS MONTH	ALL TIME
Waste Avoided	Number of items	2,618	7,118
Waste Avoided	Lbs	79	214
CO2e Emission Savings	Kg	254	690
CO2e Emission Savings	Cars taken off the road for a day	20	55
Water Savings	Gallons	48	132
Water Savings	Bathtubs	1	3

Supporting Walpole's Sustainability Goals

- **Easy Implementation:** Minimal staff training needed.
- **Community Engagement:** Marketing materials to promote sustainability.
- **Student Involvement:** Empowering students as environmental stewards.
- **Custodial Support:** Less trash for custodians to manage.
- **Professional Support:** Re:Dish's team ensures smooth operation.

Join Us in Making a Difference

- **Leadership in Sustainability:** Walpole Public Schools leading by example.
- **Global Citizenship:** Teaching students to care for the environment.
- **Making a Real Impact:** Together, we contribute to positive environmental change.



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