



# Waste Audits



'Waste' collected in a school waste audit.

## Book a waste audit for your school or business

When you book a waste audit, you'll receive:

- A dedicated team to help sort a sample of the organisation's waste
- A waste profile analysis
- A report with detailed recommendations for managing your waste better
- A range of learning opportunities for staff

### Optional extras:

- A staff workshop to explore the impact work habits can have on the environment – and the budget
- An set of recycling signs for your waste stations

Contact us for a quote and to find out what subsidies you might be eligible for.

**Save money, improve business practices, and reduce climate change emissions.**

### What is a waste audit?

A waste audit is the process of surveying and analysing an organisation's waste output. By precisely quantifying waste outputs, our team can show you exactly what is going on with your waste streams, and how to better manage them – prepare to be surprised!

### Why have your waste audited?

- Most organisations send much more to the landfill than they need to, and it costs them money.
- Most waste in the Wellington region could be recycled, composted, or repurposed. Instead, it is buried underground, where it creates climate-warming gases and toxic run-off.
- Comply with the city councils waste minimisation policy.
- Community 'feel good' factor.
- Perhaps your workplace has a 'green' team initiative or wants to get one started.

Many options exist for commercial and household recycling and composting - our expert team will help you find the options that best suit you. By following our recommendations, your organisation could save money and make a real contribution to the wellbeing of the environment.



Preparing to sort waste



### A local case study

At Wellington cafe Beach Babylon, a waste audit showed 60% of waste could be composted and 25% could be recycled.

Only 15% of the cafe's waste needed to be sent to landfill. By acting on our recommendations, Beach Babylon will potentially save about \$900 - or 10% - every year on their waste disposal bill, and make a big reduction in their climate change emissions.

*"The waste audit report is such a great read. So comprehensive and compelling. THANK YOU SO MUCH!"*

### Book a waste audit now

Learn how to save money and use resources wisely with a waste audit for your organisation.

### Contact us

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## What is involved in a waste audit?

Pre-audit email survey to establish current waste streams, practices, and current waste disposal contracts and costs. A business may opt to give Sustainability Trust permission to contact their waste disposal contractors to obtain these details, which may provide more timely and accurate information. This data is vital in the waste audit process - it provides a baseline with which to compare post-audit waste management recommendations and cost structures, the aim being to improve practices and optimise costs of the recycling and waste collection.

Depending on the size of the business, the Sustainability Trust Education team will need between three and eight hours (potentially split across two days) to conduct a waste audit and may need to arrange additional auditors to attend, who are usually volunteers.

Quantities and proportions of waste streams are calculated and the results analysed to determine potential improvements in the waste, collection, sorting, disposal and reuse practices of the business. You get the full report and a poster for staff reference to act as a reminder of the results found.



*Dumpster dive!*

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