



Become a Zero Waste Champion!

Volunteers play an important role in helping the City of San Francisco, Recology, and SFUSD meet climate action goals. Recology and the San Francisco Department of the Environment (SFE) are excited to expand the volunteer **Zero Waste Champion program** to help SFUSD school sites succeed at recycling and composting. Zero Waste Champions play an essential role in helping schools achieve SFUSD's [district-wide goal](#) of 85% diversion by 2025.

What is a Zero Waste Champion?

Zero Waste Champions are volunteers involved in promoting environmental stewardship and increasing participation in recycling and composting at schools. Anyone can volunteer to be a Zero Waste Champion for their school including: Staff, Custodians, Principals, Teachers, Student groups, or custodians.

The **primary, required duties** of a Zero Waste Champion include:

- Familiarize yourself with provided Zero Waste Collaborative resources from:
 - The San Francisco Department of Environment
 - Recology
 - San Francisco Unified School District
- Conduct an internal infrastructure inspection of a few key locations to confirm: 3-bin sorting system, clear signage, and contamination issues
- Partner with custodians to complete an external inspection to confirm the fullness of bins, and any contamination problems

Additional, optional activities include:

- Coordinate a training hosted by Recology, SFUSD, or SFE for teachers and/or staff
- Create a newsletter, bulletin, or announcement system to share resources and helpful tips with fellow staff
- Identify a PTA member to collaborate on school site zero waste initiatives

Recology, SF Environment, and SFUSD will provide Zero Waste Champions with adequate training and resources to facilitate effective zero waste best practices. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old.

Key Benefits:

Zero Waste Champions will be recognized by the combined leadership of SF Environment, Recology, and SFUSD, and will be invited to several planned environmental activities such as press conferences and community events. All participants will also have an opportunity to attend VIP events and workshops and become part of the growing community of Zero Waste Champions in San Francisco.

Ready to apply?

Email Casey Fritz at cfritz@recology.com for more information on how to sign up!