



## Activity 1 – Recycling Audit

Waste audits are the perfect tool to help students understand behaviours when it comes to our waste, while teaching what can and cannot go into their Loraas recycling blue cart. Students can use this checklist to determine what items are found within their recycling bins, then create data charts to create educational posters.

### Waste Audit - Recycling

Items to Look For	Number of Items Found						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<b>Acceptable Recyclables</b>							
Paper - Make sure it can rip	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Empty Cardboard Box - Flattened down (2ft x 2ft max)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Plastics #1 to #7 with recycling symbol (lids & liquid removed)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Household Tin - Food packaging only (soup can, cat food tin)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Household Aluminum - Food packaging only (bbq tray, can)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Household Glass – Food/beverage bottles & jars <i>*Saskatoon*</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Non-Acceptable Items</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
Laminated or paper that does not rip (hardcover textbooks)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Plastic-lined paper cups (disposable coffee or pop cup)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Food-stained or waxed cardboard (pizza box, take-out box)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fully intact cardboard boxes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Plastics without a number or recycling symbol	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Styrofoam (even with a number or symbol)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Plastic stretch film or wrap (even with a number or symbol)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Black plastics (even with a number or symbol)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mixed Recyclables - plastic, cardboard, and tin in one (Pringles)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recyclables are Loose - Not bagged or in a box	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Garbage items – diapers, napkins, juice pouch, candy wrapper	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Recycling Reminders

1. Recyclables should be placed loosely into the cart. Make sure nothing is bagged or boxed; except shredded paper in a clear or clear colour plastic bag.
2. Are your recyclables clean? Make sure that food containers and bottles have been rinsed and dried before placing them into the recycling cart. Cardboard boxes, such as pizza boxes, should not have grease stains. If they do, please use your organics cart instead.
3. Have the lids or caps been removed from plastic containers and bottles? Plastic bottle caps are a different plastic from the bottle and should be placed into the garbage cart.