

Appendix C: Screening Criteria

As you plan your school or school district's waste reduction program, you will need to focus on the waste reduction activities that best meet your school or district's needs. You can use the following criteria to quickly screen potential waste prevention, reuse/donation, recycling, and buying recycled activities before conducting a more detailed evaluation of the promising options. Select only the criteria matching the school or district's priorities and for each waste reduction activity you are considering, determine if it will:

- Reduce waste volume or weight
- Reduce waste toxicity
- Reduce waste disposal costs
- Reduce purchasing costs
- Generate revenues
- Have low start-up costs
- Improve productivity
- Improve product or service quality
- Be relatively easy to implement
- Build morale
- Improve image
- Increase use of recycled goods
- Be compatible with existing recycling markets