



Tetra Pak School Recycling Programme (TPSRP)

FAQs to Used Beverage Cartons (UBCs) Recycling

1. Are there any criteria to take part in TPSRP?

All primary schools, secondary schools, junior colleges, polytechnics, ITEs and Universities in Singapore are welcome to take part in TPSRP as long as the registration is done before the registration deadline of each year and the recycling collector appointed by the school is one of the Public Waste Collectors or other collectors who send UBCs for recycling.

2. Does the school need to sign up for TPSRP every year if it has signed up before?

Once the school has signed up for TPSRP, your school will be in the TPSRP data base. You do not need to register again unless you wish to update your school's contact particulars.

3. Who will come to the school to pick up the collected UBCs?

The Public Waste Collector of the school will pick up the UBCs that are contained in clear trash bag at the designated collection point along with other recyclables on the scheduled collection day.

4. Does the participating school get a bin for UBC recycling? If yes, how to use the bin properly?

Upon registration, each participating school will receive: a) UBC recycling bin (1 unit); b) UBC recycling poster (1 piece). The UBC recycling bin provided is made from polyAl materials recycled from UBCs. Detailed instruction of how to use and maintain the bin is indicated on an instruction sheet affixed at the back panel of the bin's opening door.

5. Can students drop UBCs which are not rinsed and not flattened into the UBC recycling bin in school or the commingled recycling bin found in HDB estates?

One is strongly encouraged to Rinse, Flip, Flap, Flatten (3" F") the UBCs before depositing them into the UBC recycling bin in school or the commingled recycling bin located in the HDB estates. This is to help prevent pest, save storage and transportation space and make collection more efficient and effective.

6. Is it necessary to line a plastic bag inside the UBC recycling bin?

Yes. It is necessary to line a clear plastic bag inside the UBC recycling bin to contain the rinsed and flattened UBCs. This is so that the collection are well contained and can be efficiently transferred to the designated collection point by the person-in-charge, for the Public Waste Collector to collect on the scheduled collection day.

7. What to do after the UBC recycling bin is filled up?

When the UBC recycling bin is filled up, simply transfer the clear plastic bag containing the UBCs to the designated collection point for the Public Waste Collector to collect on the scheduled collection day. If black trash bag is being used to line the inner bin, please label the black trash bag with "Used Beverage Cartons" or "Drink Packets". This is so that the content are visible so that the Public Waste Collector can identify them for sorting, to be sent to the correct recycling facilities.

8. Can participating school request for a new bin if the UBC recycling bin is worn out?

The UBC recycling bin provided for TPSRP is made from polyAl materials recycled from UBCs and it should be rather robust and sturdy. Of course, you may request for new one when the old bin is worn out, subject to availability at time of request.

9. Are there any educational talks available to the participating school?

Each participating school can request for one session of UBC recycling talk per year, subject to availability of the requested date and time.

10. Are there any exhibits on UBC recycling for loan?

Yes. Participating schools can loan the recycling exhibits (1 panel and 1 recycling kit) by filling up an application form. The exhibits loaning will be subject to first-come-first-serve basis. Schools loaning the exhibits shall follow the instructions indicated on the display kit (part of the exhibits).

11. Will each participating school get a participation certificate of TPSRP?

Provision of participation certificate is not part of the program's scope. However, the school can place a request if it needs a proof to show the school's participation in the programme.

12. When and how can new schools sign up for TPSRP?

Schools that are new to TPSRP are welcome to sign up for the programme. Usually, in the last month of every year, an invitation email will be sent out to invite schools to take part in the programme in the following year. All you need to do is to follow the registration process and ensure that you register before the registration deadline indicated on the invitation email.

13. Can schools that do not have any existing Public Waste Collector to pick up the schools' recyclables participate in TPSRP?

One of the main objective of the programme is to provide the infrastructure to enable school community to practise the good habit of recycling, hence we would strongly encouraged that the UBCs collected are being sent for recycling. The role of the recycling collector assigned by the school has to send all collected UBCs to a recycling facility that can recover the paper fibre and preferably polyAl materials as well. Please contact us if you need further assistance or clarifications.

14. Are participating schools under TPSRP entitled to any incentives?

We believe the incentive of active participation in recycling is the contribution towards environmental conservation. There is not direct monetary reward in the programme. We would like to promote the spirit of environmental protection and instil the good habit of recycling at the hearts and minds of our future generation. Nonetheless, there is usually an annual field trip that we organise for representatives from the top three schools with highest UBCs collection (subject to yearly plan).