



Green Classroom Checklist

**Congratulations on your efforts to make your classroom
and the world a healthier place!**

Use this checklist to reduce the environmental impacts of your classroom. Create a "Green Star Classroom Award" for your school. The more you do, the more stars you can earn!

One Green Star

- Our classroom has four waste bins in our classroom: compost, paper, landfill and bottles/cans recycling (or we take our bottles and cans to a nearby bin for recycling).
- Our classroom has clear signs that help us sort correctly into the four waste bins.
- Our teacher has reminded us how to sort our waste in the classroom (and ideally in the lunchroom).
- Our class has student jobs to take out the compost and recycling.
- Our waste bins have been checked and have little or no contamination in them (i.e. very few mistakes of compost or recyclables in trash).
- Our classroom has a designated place for Scratch Paper.
- We have been reminded to bring Zero Waste Lunches.
- We **submitted proof** that we are participating in the Green Star Classroom Award to our teacher or school Green Team with a **photo** showing how we sort our trash, along with a **quote** from a student about their experience learning about the 4 Rs and why it's important.

Two Green Stars

- Our classroom has at least three books with environmental themes (or has identified books we want to buy or has read environmental books from the library).
- For classroom parties we use compostable or reusable plates and silverware. (Or we have a "Zero Waste Party Bag" with reusables that parents wash and return).
- We have signs to remind us to turn off the lights, computers, and printers, and we have students jobs to turn off lights and equipment.
- We **submitted proof** that we are participating in the Green Star Classroom Award to our teacher or school Green Team with a **note** from your teacher to your Principal describing a **lesson** she/he has taught about the 4 R's.

Three Green Stars

- We **submitted proof** that we are participating in the Green Star Classroom Award to our teacher or school Green Team with a **short essay** from one (or more) students talking about their experience learning about the 4 Rs and protecting the environment.

You can create a Green Star Classroom certificate to give to participating classrooms at your school. Make some prizes out of reused or recycled materials!