Tips for Creating a Waste Reduction Program in Your School

► Form a committee; elect a coordinator
► Recruit help
► Analyze the waste generated
► Develop a plan, analyze the pros and cons, and then make any adjustments needed

► Submit a written proposal to the school administration for approval
► Once it is approved, publicize your program
► Contact local businesses and recycling companies to get support for your program

► If your program involves recycling or composting, decide what kind of materials you are going to collect and how you are going to collect them
► If you plan to compost, determine what you are going to do with the final product

► If you can’t implement your program because you lack school funds, try a fund-raising campaign

► Find out if other schools in your area have implemented any waste reduction programs
► If so, find out how those schools run their programs and what the costs and benefits are

► Educate people about the program and promote it

► Once your program has started, make sure that it is properly monitored and maintained. Most important, maintain the enthusiasm of your program committee and its participants.