

EARTH DAY WASTE AUDIT

SC Johnson Earth Day 2024

PREPARATION

1 Recycling Rules

Call your local hauler to determine which items are and are not accepted in the recycling stream in your area

2 Collect & Store Trash

Collect and store 2-3 bags each of trash and commingled recycling from your facility or department that you would like to audit

3 Set Up Sorting Space

Have two large tables set up for the sorting process, preferably covered with a disposable covering or plastic tablecloth

4 Prepare PPE

Have enough PPE for each participant including goggles, kevlar gloves over the rubber gloves, 3M respirators

WASTE AUDIT

1 Waste Sorting

Have three sorting containers ready and begin going through the trash items, sorting between trash, recycling, and compost, take note of any contamination or items that should not be in the recycling bags/container

2 Documentation

Take note of any trends found in the trash bags, unused or partially used items, or other areas for improvement

3 Weighing

Weigh each bag type of the sorted trash and document alongside any notes

4 Next Steps

Take photos and share results with your team and department and set goals for areas of improvement

SMALL SCALE WASTE AUDIT PROCESS & DOCUMENTATION