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### **Stamford School to Conduct a School-wide Waste Sort**

**Stamford, Vermont:** On October 18 at 8:30 am Stamford Elementary will participate in a school-wide waste sort. The event is designed to be a thought provoking project to assess the school's current recycling and food waste composting success. Remaining trash will be sorted to see what remains and how it can potentially be reduced, reused, or recycled to reduce even more of the school's waste.

The event, also known as "Trash on the Lawn", starts with the collection of school recyclables, separated food scraps (destined for composting), and remaining trash. The materials will be weighed and evaluated. Then the materials will be placed on tarps to be displayed for students, teachers, and staff to observe and evaluate opportunities for additional waste reduction and recycling.

Stamford School Principal, Micah Hayre, stated, "We're excited to be participating in this great visual opportunity to look at a day's worth of trash from our school. We're already recycling and we started food waste composting on the first day of school this year. The waste sort presents a great way for us to evaluate our success at diverting our waste from the landfill and to see where we might improve.

The Stamford School Waste Sort is sponsored by the Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance. Athena Lee Bradley from the Northeast Recycling Council will be coordinating the event.

The Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance (BCSWA) was formed in 2015 by the Towns of Arlington, Bennington, Dorset, Glastenbury, Manchester, Pownal, Rupert, Sandgate, Searsburg, Shaftsbury, Stamford, Sunderland and Woodford. The mission of the Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance is to reduce the amount of waste disposed in landfills, by incineration or similar means by reducing the amount of waste generated, conserving resources and promoting recycling and reuse. For more information and waste reduction resources, visit [www.bcswavt.org](http://www.bcswavt.org).

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