

# WASTE SORTING RELAY

## **Introduction**

One of the biggest barriers to diverting materials from the landfill to recycling and composting is confusion over what materials go in which bin.

The Waste Sorting Relay is a game that helps clear up this confusion by requiring participants to compete against each other to correctly sort their waste.

## **How it works**

Participants engage in a stationary “relay” – they are given a pile of cards with different items printed on each card. Each card either belongs in compost, recycling, or landfill. Participants work in a team to place each item into the correct pile as quickly as they can. The team that has the most accurately placed items, wins! If there are teams that are tied, the team that completed the challenge the fastest wins.

## **What you will need**

WASTE SORTING CARDS  
SORTING GAME KEY

## **Preparation for the game**

1. Print and cut out cards. Refer to WASTE SORTING CARDS.

## **During the game**

1. Divide participants into teams of four
2. Give each team a complete packet of cards
3. Start the game! Have participants sort items into categories: Compost, Recycling, Landfill, and Neither
4. Record the order in which teams finish the relay
5. Display the SORTING GAME KEY in the front of the room and read off the correct answers for each category: Compost, Recycling, Landfill, and Neither
6. Have participants count the number of correct items they have in each category
7. Give out prizes to winners!