



Waste Audit Activity

Conducting a waste audit is a good way to see what type of waste is in your bins, and if it has been placed in the correct bin. This activity will help your students understand the different types of waste and recycling as well as learning about the waste hierarchy and how to reduce creating waste in the first place.

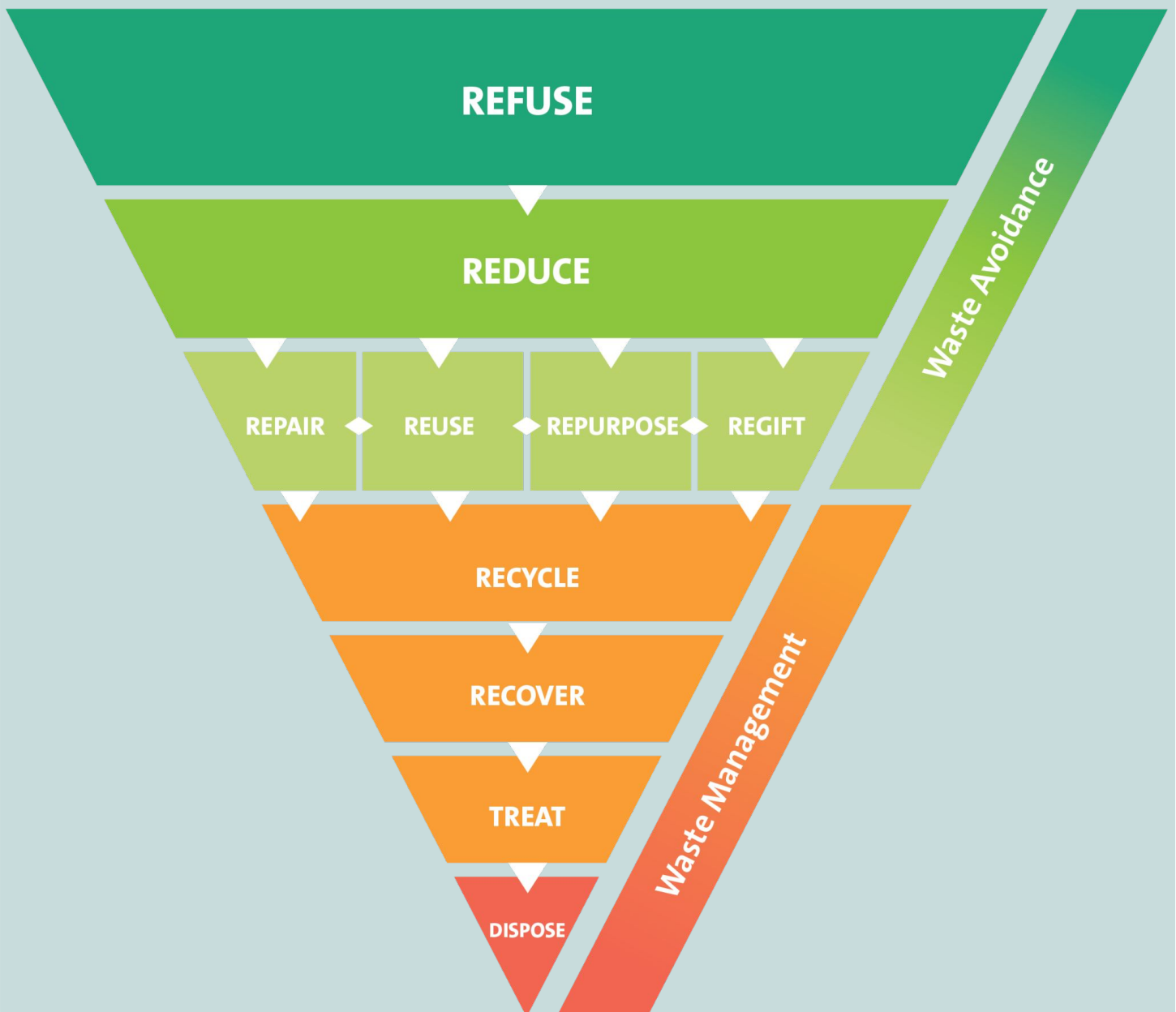
Instructions: Go through each waste bin in your classroom and write down the waste items you find. If you discover an item that should not be in that bin (contaminated), circle that item in the colour representing the correct bin it should have been disposed in.

Note: The listed waste and recycling streams are the recommended waste streams for schools: General Waste, Mixed Recycling, Paper/Cardboard and Organics. There may be additional recycling streams your school may have, such as Soft Plastics, Container Deposit, etc. If your school does have additional recycling streams, please capture them too.

Additionally, there may be different acceptance for various recycling streams across the states/territories. For student reference, Veolia's educational brochures detail the accepted and non-accepted items for different waste and recycling streams. <https://www.veolia.com/anz/helping-you-recycle-right> However, please confirm with your waste contractor for the most up-to-date information.



The Extended Waste Hierarchy is a helpful guide to show how we can avoid generating waste through various actions thereby limiting the requirement to manage waste. Think about how you can refuse, reduce, repair, reuse, repurpose and re-gift to prevent generating waste in the first place!





General Waste	Mixed Recycling	Green Waste	Paper/Cardboard