



Wipe out Waste



What is Wipe Out Waste - WOW?

Wipe out Waste - WOW is a whole of site community approach to resource management and learning which aims to:

- Improve systems to reduce waste and recover resources in sites/services
- Monitor progress and continually improve resource recovery (waste) outcomes in the sites/services
- Encourage and influence people to adopt more long term sustainable behaviours.

What does WOW offer?

Professional Development (PD) Sessions:

Professional Development sessions for education site staff are run regularly in school holidays (except Dec-Jan). Participants receive WOW information and visit resource recovery and recycling sites and document actions for their site.

Regional and metro after school sessions are also held.

<http://www.wow.sa.gov.au/field-trips--pd.html>



Audits and Assessments:

A **WOW Bin Materials Audit** provides an out of classroom learning experience. WOW audit staff work with students to audit a days' worth of material from your site. A report is provided with results and recommendations for actions to improve resource management. Audits are conducted on Tuesdays or Thursdays, and must be booked at least 6-8 weeks in advance. Pre and post audit information provided. <http://www.wow.sa.gov.au/bin-materials-audit-bma.html>



Bin Systems Assessments provide valuable information about systems at your site. This involves your site gathering desktop data, followed by a 2-3 hour visit by a WOW staff member who will meet with grounds staff, cleaners, business managers and leadership team to discuss options for your site. <http://www.wow.sa.gov.au/bin-systems-assessment-bsa.html>



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WOW Resources:

Big Books: The Journey of My Bins

This series describes the journey of bin materials collected from your home or site. Contact your council for current information relating to services in your area.

<http://www.wow.sa.gov.au/early-years-big-books---the-journey-of-my-bins.html>



The AMAZING JOURNEY of your recyclables

These books tell the beginning of the journey for five types of recyclable materials.

<http://www.wow.sa.gov.au/big-books---the-amazing-journey-of-your-recyclables.html>

DIY Audit Resources: For use by sites with less than 100 people, or for use by individual classes. These are available on the website to print off. Please contact WOW for the spreadsheet to enter your data into. This helps us to keep track of how much the resource is used, and offer any advice or support for your site. <http://www.wow.sa.gov.au/diy-audit-kit.html>



Less to Landfill (LtL) Challenge:

A six week challenge encouraging classes to reduce their waste to landfill, focusing on food and drink packaging. The challenge is to replace the classroom bin with a WOW 'Mini Bin' and to send only 300mL (or less) to landfill each day. Each week, the quantity of material sent to landfill is recorded and the aim is to reduce it to as little as possible. Resources and classroom activities around 'nude food' are provided.

<http://www.wow.sa.gov.au/less-to-landfill-challenge.html>

Litter Less: Provides students (Yr 4 to 7) with authentic learning contexts in which to understand and respond to litter and littering issues. It includes ideas for incorporating litter education into the curriculum and action plans for students to tackle litter issues. <http://www.kesab.asn.au/litterless/about-litter-less/>

Links to Other Agencies: WOW can assist in linking sites to their local council waste education staff (if applicable), NRM Education staff in your region (if applicable), or other agencies or organisations that may provide assistance.

<http://www.naturalresources.sa.gov.au/adelaidentloftyranges/education/for-educators>

<http://www.naturalresources.sa.gov.au/samurraydarlingbasin/education/teaching-resources>

