

# Bin Materials Audit - BMA



## What is a Bin Materials Audit?

A Bin Materials Audit or BMA provides an out of classroom learning experience and opportunity to collect data and evaluate how effectively current systems for waste, recyclables and foodstuffs are working at your site.

WOW audit staff work with staff and students to audit a days worth of indoor and outdoor bin material from your site. At the conclusion of the sorting, WOW staff can present audit results to students, staff and parents on the initial findings, and a report with recommendations will be provided following the audit.

## How do we arrange a Bin Materials Audit?

To be eligible for a Bin Materials Audit, a staff member from the site must have attended a Wipe Out Waste professional learning event in recent years. We can assist with re-audit of some sites, but it is recommended to have at least 12- 18 months between audits to allow for changes in systems across a site. A Bin Systems Assessment (BSA) may be as effective as a re-audit to assess effectiveness of system changes.

## When can we hold a Bin Materials Audit?

Audit days are Tuesday or Thursday, book well in advance (6-8 weeks recommended). Audits are not conducted in first or last weeks of term.

## How long will a Bin Materials Audit take?

The amount of time taken for an audit varies based on the volume of material to audit. Generally, sorting is finished by lunchtime and the presentation of results can take place after 2.15pm. Presentations work best with 2-4 classes at a time for 15-20 minutes per session.



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### What do we do to prepare?

Detailed information regarding your preparation for an audit is provided before the audit and a **checklist must be completed and returned before the audit**. The WOW team will supply all of the equipment for auditing, including safety gloves, glasses, tongs and aprons.

Your site needs to collect the bags of materials to sort and provide a suitable area with two to four tables (or trestles) and shelter from wind and weather. **Access to water (for washing hands), a first aid kit and school camera/device is also required.**

### Who can help with the audit?

During the audit, students aged **Year 4 or above** will assist with the sorting of materials. Students must be tall enough to reach materials, manage tongs and wear provided PPE. At the start of the day, we will speak to all students who will be assisting about the process and general safety information. Throughout the day, we will work with groups of a maximum of four students at a time.

Students may be from a single class, SRC, Youth Voice an environment group, or similar. A maximum of 12- 16 students in groups of four to assist throughout the day is ideal. For preschools, WOW staff will conduct the audit, but children are welcome to watch the process from a distance, and be involved in discussions of the findings at the end of the audit.



### How do we book in?

Audits are subject to availability and can book up quickly. We recommend booking at least 6-8 weeks in advance. Contact [wasteteam@kesab.asn.au](mailto:wasteteam@kesab.asn.au) or call KESAB: 8234 7255



### Other options:

If a Bin Materials Audit is difficult to schedule, a Bin Systems Assessment - a 2-3 hour visit by a member of the WOW team, may suit your needs.

**If you are a site of less than 200 students, you can conduct your own audit with a little planning and support from WOW.** DIY Audit resources can be downloaded from the WOW website.