

Ormondale Elementary

Our school community is making a collaborative effort to work towards a "zero waste" campus. The trash we create causes problems that impact us and other living things. We are taking action to stop these problems and negative impacts.

Waste-Free Lunch

One child's disposable lunch generates an average of 67 pounds of waste each school year.

**Spend Less.
Waste Less.
Eat Well.**

Packing waste-free lunches benefits you *and* your community.

REDUCE: Cut down on packaging and food waste by purchasing fresh produce and bulk bin items.

REUSE: Pack lunches in reusable containers.

RECYCLE: Use recycle bins instead of tossing recyclables in the trash.

RESPOND: Take action and support nutritious, waste-free meals. Make a difference for yourself; make a difference in your community.

AND it's cost effective:

An Average Disposable Lunch	An Average Waste-free Lunch
\$4.02 / Day	\$2.65 / Day
\$20.10 / Week	\$13.25 / Week
\$723.60 / School Year	\$477.00 / School Year

Why pack a waste-free lunch?

- Landfills are reaching capacity and incineration creates air pollution.
- Funds not spent on trash removal can be put to better use.
- Empower our kids to make positive changes for the planet.
- Eliminate the need for processed, pre-packaged foods.

What is a waste-free lunch?

- Start with a reusable lunchbox, backpack, or briefcase.
- Pack your food in reusable containers.
- Use a refillable drink bottle.
- Include reusable utensils.
- Add a cloth napkin.

Waste-free lunches are easy.

- Pack lunches in the evening.
- Put leftovers from dinner directly into your box.
- Stock up on easy-to-pack, healthy foods, such as fresh fruits, vegetables and whole grains.