

# GrowNYC's Recycling Champions Program Develops New Materials for K-12 Schools

GrowNYC's Recycling Champions Program (RCP) has helped NYC public schools create effective recycling programs since 2010. In that time, we have worked with over 400 schools and understand that real change can happen when all members of the school community work together to make a difference.

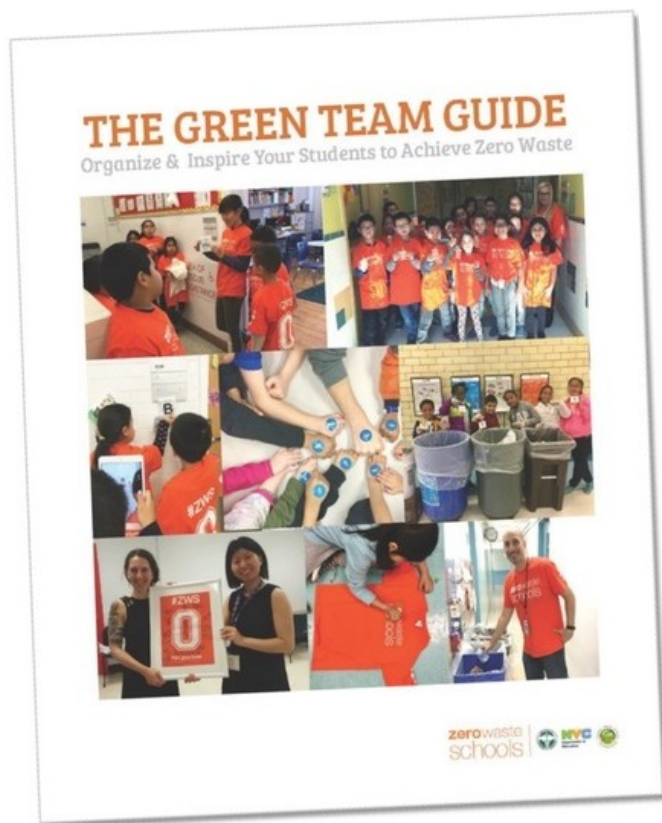
Currently, RCP is working with the first 100 Zero Waste Schools, a partnership between the [NYC Department of Education Office of Sustainability](#), and the [NYC Department of Sanitation](#). We are pleased to share our **newest** waste education resources and original materials created in direct response to the needs of the NYC K-12 community.

[Recycling Champion's Program Green Team Guide](#) outlines ways to tackle waste and recycling issues at school through mobilizing students to take action. Included in the guide are ideas for how to get started, what types of projects to work on and includes a variety of additional resources, such as worksheets and activities to keep your green team organized and having fun. See our website to print your very own and get started building your school's green team! Visit [www.grownyc.org/rcp/gtg](http://www.grownyc.org/rcp/gtg) to download a copy.

A best practice to ensure great recycling at school is



to train student monitors to help direct students to throw items in the correct bins. There are many ways to select student monitors. Just make sure monitors are familiar with what goes in each bin as they will be sharing their knowledge with the other students in the lunch period or in classrooms. To get started take a look at [Recycling Champion's Recycling Monitor Guide](#) which includes how to conduct a training, a recycling monitor job description, a monitor contract, a NYC specific recycling quiz and much more!



RCP's essential guide to organizing a school based Green Team.

HOW TO START A GREEN TEAM

GREEN TEAM IN ACTION

GREEN TEAM AS ADVOCATES

TAKING THE GREEN TEAM FURTHER

ENDING THE YEAR

GREEN TEAM SUCCESS STORIES