

DEARBORN COUNTY RECYCLING CENTER

Education Programs

All programs are free. Programs are available for schools, youth and other community organizations. To ensure the best availability please reserve dates in advance. Standards information available by request. All programs are approximately 45 minutes to 1 hour.

3Rs (K-2) This introduction to the 3Rs is the most fundamental of all environmental programs. Students hear a story, participate in a sorting activity and come up with ideas about reducing, reusing and recycling. A follow-up activity sheet helps students remember the lesson.

Compost Stew (K-1) Learning about the Earth's natural method of waste disposal has to start somewhere, and this is it. Using a rhyming story, students are introduced to the concept of waste reduction through composting. Participants work together to create a healthy compost system through an interactive model.

Edible Landfill Cookie (5-6) Using a variety of edibles, students learn how landfills are designed and managed. Emphasis is placed on how much waste we generate and the content of that waste. Students will learn about the importance of recycling and composting in waste reduction. At the end, the class will share the treat.

EnviroJeopardy! (6-12) Just like on the game show, students work on teams to buzz in and ask the right question for clues ranging in focus from plastic facts to composting and environmental disasters. Recycled content prizes awarded for winning and participation.

EnviroSurvivor (6-12) Out Reduce, Out Reuse, Out Recycle! Participants are "deserted" on an island where they must survive while leaving their environment unharmed. Through a series of group challenges teams come up with solutions and compete for green prizes.

Household Hazardous What? (6-8) Students identify and sort household products based on purpose and content. They learn about use and disposal methods to improve human and environmental safety. After discovering the hazards posed by some products, students learn about safer alternatives.

How Do They Do That? (K-5) Students act out the process of turning a tree into paper or bauxite into aluminum cans, then the class discovers how the process changes when people recycle. Participants learn about energy use, renewable and non-renewable resources as well as the impact of consumer choices.

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Litter Bugs (K-2) This program combines a presentation of the story book *The Wartville Wizard* (about a town of litter bugs who learn to stop littering) with a classroom clean-up activity. Students learn about caring for the environment and are introduced to the concept of litter as pollution.

Paper Recycling (K-12) Students learn about how the paper they use every day is made, as well as the energy and resources that go into the production of paper and the details of its manufacturing. Students use paper from the recycling bin to make their own paper to take home. Seeds can be added to make a special paper gift.

Renewable is Doable (2-4) This activity teaches students about renewable and non-renewable natural resources, scarcity and conservation. Participants collect “natural resources” in a game to demonstrate consumption. They also learn about alternative energy sources and how recycling helps conservation efforts.

What a Mess! (3-4) Students are introduced to the four categories of waste disposal: trash, recycling, compost, and Household Hazardous Waste. They play a game to sort themselves into these categories. In the end they create a great visual representation to show the importance of sorting waste streams.

Worm Composting (K-8) Vermicomposting is fascinating for all ages. Students learn all about worms and especially their role as nature’s composting critters. Each student examines and touches a worm. For extra fascinated classrooms, a worm bin can be set up to keep and monitor all year.

Grades 9-12

Additional presentations are available and include: *The Fourth R*, *Your Footprint* and *Enviro-Careers*.

Facility Tours

Tours are available to all ages. Groups see how recyclables are processed at the Recycling Center and learn about how recycling is accomplished in Dearborn County.

Adult Education

Please request further information about one of the following:

Compost 101, Fantastic Plastic, Green Shopping,
Holiday GREENERy or fully customized programming.



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