

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.

K-5 PROGRAMS

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.

Landfill in a Bottle (5-6) This lesson uses the same concepts and lesson as the Edible Landfill, except that students create a landfill in a bottle, rather than an edible treat.

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.

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.

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GRADES 6-12 PROGRAMS

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.

E-Waste: When To Pull The Plug (6-12) Electronics have become one of the fastest growing parts of the waste stream. In this lesson, students will learn about the harmful and beneficial components in electronics, as well as the way electronics are recycled. Participants will be able to open up an electronic device to see and understand what recyclable materials are contained inside.

Enviro-Careers (9-12) This program introduces students to Green Career options. Students learn about different environmental career options and what it takes to go into that field.

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.

ADULT

Adult Education Please request further information about one of the following: Compost 101, Green Shopping, Holiday GREENERy or fully customized programming. Some sessions include a craft after the presentation.

TOURS

Facility Tours (ages 7-Adult) 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. Tours can be scheduled during the Recycling Center's normal business hours of Monday-Friday 9am-4pm and Wednesdays from 9am-6pm.

VIRTUAL

Virtual Programs We understand that sometimes there is a need to have a virtual program rather than an in-person program. The following programs can be presented through Zoom, Microsoft Teams, or Google Meet:

- 3Rs
- Renewable is Doable
- Worm Composting
- E-Waste: When To Pull the Plug
- Enviro-Careers
- Household Hazardous What?
- Compost 101
- Paper Recycling*

Need another program that isn't listed? We can also put together a fully customized program to fit your needs.

*Paper Recycling materials can be dropped off at your school, and the instruction done virtually.



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