



Westmoreland Cleanways and Recycling Presentations/Programs

FREE classroom & youth group presentations offered and taught by Westmoreland Cleanways staff. Post program or enrichment activities can be provided upon request. Programs meet PA state education standards and are taught by a certified teacher.

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Adventures of a Plastic Bottle

Focusing on energy, water usage, and conservation of natural resources; follow a plastic bottle's life cycle as it starts as oil and ending as a t-shirt. Conclude the program with a Trivia board game (created by W. Cleanways)

Backyard Composting, an Introduction

This simple method of disposing of kitchen and yard waste can reduce the solid waste stream by as much as 28%. Learn the basics of composting and what it takes to have a successful composting bin.

Garbage Pizza

Construct a three dimensional garbage pizza, a pie chart of the Municipal Solid Waste discarded in the United States per year. Using the pizza as a visual, analyze the importance of reducing, reusing and recycling.

IQ Boards

Interactive displays developed by Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful can be used as a stand-alone display or can be the focus of a presentation.

- Litter Board: Helps create litter awareness by matching a common litter item with its correct decomposition time.
- Recycle Board: Helps create recycling awareness by matching a common recyclable item with its correct "new" product.

I Want to Be Recycled

Recycling is the easiest thing we can all do to improve our community and conserve natural resources. Learn the facts about recycling in the area and the new materials created by recycling. When age appropriate and space allows, will include a Recycling Relay Race. (Will only present in communities with recycling programs)

Landfill Anatomy

What happens to your garbage after it is picked up by the garbage truck? What are the environmental impacts of landfills, and what structures are in place to limit that impact? Students will build a landfill and test its impact on the nearby environment.

Open Your Eyes to Litter

Developed in conjunction with Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful, "Open your Eyes to Litter" introduces students to the concept that litter is all around us; a problem that affects us as well as plants and animals.

Paper Recycling

Recycling a ton of paper can save 17 trees, 7,000 gallons of water, and a huge amount of landfill space. Find out how paper is recycling into new office paper, and what other products can be made from recycled paper. Students will also have a chance to make paper.

The Pyramid Game, The What and Why of Recycling

Become contestants on the pyramid game show (Taboo for younger generations). Players attempt to guess a series of words or phrases based on descriptions given to them by their teammates. The game focuses on different recyclable material with discussions about recycling between each round.

REDUCE, REUSE

Brainstorm different ways to reduce the amount of "trash" a person produces, and creative ways to reuse "trash." The highlight of this program is making a craft "reusing" items that would normally be thrown away. (The actual craft will depend on the age of the group and the time of year.)

Vermicomposting

Introduce the practice of composting kitchen scraps using redworms and the benefits of composting. Identify a variety of worm anatomy/behaviors and have the opportunity to observe the redworms. Interested groups or classrooms can adopt a worm bin for a month

Made to Order

Develop a presentation around a specific topic (e.g., helping a Girl Scout or Boy Scout troop earn a specific badge)