

## After School Teachers Workshop



### *Fun ideas for your after school program*

**1) Litter Critter Puppets / Puppet shows**

Paper bag, glue, and different kinds of trash found in schoolyard or at home.  
Geared toward the younger student.

**2) Wheel of Fun/Recycling/Trash**

Question-Answer game or statistics wheel  
Have students spin the wheel and repeat an environmental statistic to the classroom.

**3) Trash art**

Creating jewelry, birdhouses, trash monsters, etc by reusing materials you would normally dispose of.

**4) It's Our Bag / Matching word game**

**5) Recycle Guys Activity books**

Pages can be photocopied.

**6) 4-pound bag of trash** (the amount that the average person throws away per day)

The bag should have typical daily trash items, such as an old shirt, recyclable items, non-recyclable items, and food waste. Dump the trash out on the table and go through it, discussing what they can do with the items as opposed to sending to the landfill (compost/goodwill/recycle). Discuss the importance of thinking about what you buy and what you throw away.

**7) Create a table cover**

Cover a table with a large sheet of paper and ask the students to draw something about recycling and/or the environment on it. Newspaper companies have large rolls of blank newspaper available free of charge.

**8) Mini Landfill Model**

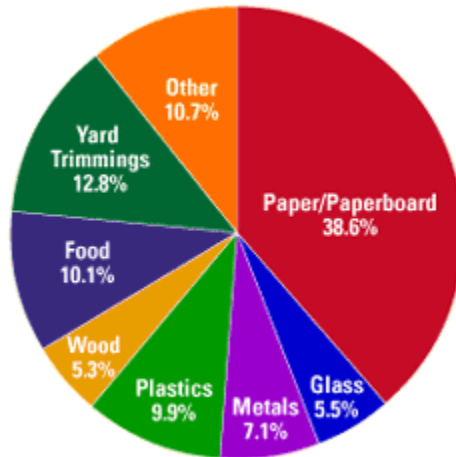
Bottom layer - Ground water (blue rocks/marbles)  
Natural dirt  
Clay dirt (dark orange clay dirt)  
Plastic liner  
Fiber liner  
Leachate lines  
Gravel  
Rain cap  
Sand bags

### 9) Participate in a Litter Sweep Event

Held the last two weeks of April and September each year.  
Safety vests and gloves provided.

### 10) Garbage Pizza

Students will construct a garbage pizza (a three-dimensional pie chart) representing the waste thrown away in the United States, with a slice for each waste category.



### Helpful websites for lesson plans and activities:

Recycleitnow.net

Recycleguys.org

Epa.gov

People.howstuffworks.com/landfill.htm

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