

The Department of Ecology Waste Reduction, Recycling and Litter Control Program offers several opportunities to help schools bring environmental education to the classroom.

- The A-Way With Waste Program provides opportunities for teacher-training in the use of the waste reduction, recycling and litter control curriculum for K-12.
- The Ecology Youth Corps provides, on a limited basis, student employment and training through in-school waste reduction and recycling programs.
- Ecology provides technical assistance to schools in developing waste reduction and recycling programs.
- Fifteen \$2,000 awards are given out annually to schools for achievement in waste reduction and recycling programs.



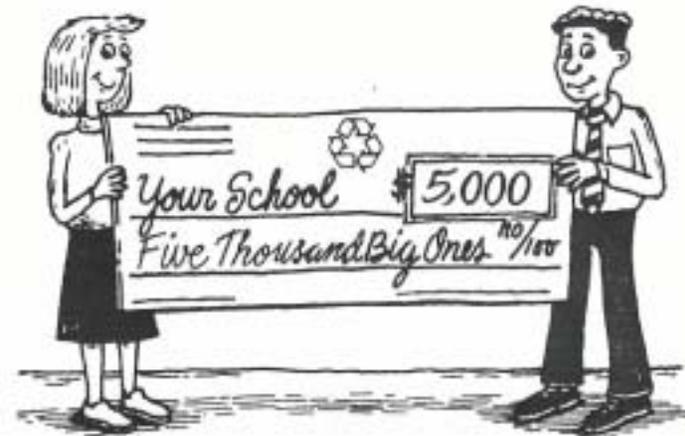
Contact the Department of Ecology regional office in your area or call toll free 1-800-RECYCLE for more information on any of these programs.



Waste Reduction and Recycling Awards

In 1989, the Washington Legislature passed ESHB 1671, a comprehensive solid waste bill that will bring about significant changes in the way Washington citizens handle their waste. The bill calls for waste reduction and source separation to become the fundamental strategies of solid waste management and establishes an aggressive state goal to achieve a fifty percent recycling rate by 1995. Local governments will play a very important role in meeting this goal by including waste reduction and recycling elements in their comprehensive solid waste management plans.

Public schools will implement waste reduction and recycling programs according to guidelines developed by the department. A free 35 page manual, *How To Make Waste Reduction and Recycling Happen in Your School*, is available to all schools. Schools will be provided with an incentive to maximize waste reduction and recycling through the awards program. 15 awards of \$2,000 each will be given each year to public schools in the state. Applications are mailed to all schools in January.

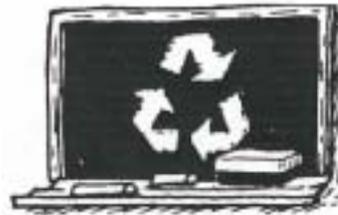


The A-Way With Waste Program provides workshops for educators conducted by staff from the Department of Ecology. Participants learn about local waste issues from waste managers and recyclers. All substitute teacher costs for those teachers attending workshops are paid by the Department of Ecology and each workshop participant will receive a free copy of the curriculum and additional classroom teaching materials.



Workshops

- Introductory session
- Teacher in-service
- Substitute reimbursement
- College credit classes



To arrange or find out about a workshop for your school or district call the regional Ecology office in your area.



Ecology Youth Corps

The Ecology Youth Corps (EYC) program offers an educational and limited employment opportunity for 14 to 17 year old students. Ecology Youth Corps teams help schools develop and promote waste reduction and recycling programs. Team members and their supervisors are hired and trained by Ecology to help educate the school community and institutionalize the school's waste reduction and recycling program.

An EYC crew consists of a paid Crew Supervisor, and from 3 to 12 student crew members. Crew members are currently paid by Ecology and may work up to 20 hours per week.



An EYC crew in your school will work with school administrators, faculty, custodians and staff to:

- Conduct waste audits to determine what kinds and quantities of waste are being generated.
- Assist in the development and maintenance of a waste reduction and recycling plan unique to your school.
- Generate enthusiasm and environmental awareness in the areas of waste reduction and recycling through posters, brochures, and classroom presentations.
- Gain valuable job and leadership skills for Ecology Youth Corps students.

Technical Assistance

Ecology's manual, *How To Make Waste Reduction and Recycling Happen In Your School*, provides a step-by-step plan for developing and implementing waste reduction and recycling programs for schools.

The manual includes waste reduction and recycling ideas for traditional classroom settings, including science laboratories, auto shop, art studios, and agriculture programs. Techniques are also outlined for administrative offices, clerical work stations, custodial facilities and bus garages.

Ecology regional staff can also provide more specific details on how to conduct waste audits, procurement of recycled and recyclable products and supplies, collection and storage plans, etc.



An in-school recycling program is a perfect opportunity to educate students about energy and resource conservation, environmental quality and much more.



A-Way With Waste Curriculum

A-Way With Waste is a comprehensive waste management education program. The program includes information on waste reduction, recycling, landfilling, incineration, litter control, hazardous waste management, household hazardous waste and waste and water.

The foundation of the program is the *A-Way With Waste* curriculum, a K-12 multi-disciplinary 600 page classroom activity guide that responds to our society's need to reduce waste and increase recycling.

The guide is organized into sections on solid waste management, hazardous waste, and waste and water issues. The solid waste section discusses reduction methods, recycling options and waste disposal techniques. The hazardous waste section includes household hazardous waste and hazardous waste management in society. The waste and water section presents water quality facts, pollution prevention activities and water resources preservation strategies.

A-Way With Waste shows students and teachers that educated individual choice and action are the first solutions to our society's problem of too much waste. Its 117 activities encompass:

- Science and Math
- Language Arts
- Social Studies
- Home Economics

