

HENNEPIN COUNTY

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Greetings!

Thank you for borrowing the Youth recycling education kit. There are several resources within this kit that will help you educate youth about recycling. If you have any questions about how to best utilize the items, feel free to contact me. I'm happy to talk with you about them!

Here is a brief overview of the resources you will find within this kit and some options about how to use them:

[Recycling activity guide activities](#)

Located in a navy folder, this is our curriculum resource. It includes background information on recycling and several activities you can do with a group related to recycling. The props in this kit can help add to these activities.

[Recycling props](#)

There are props that show what natural resource each item comes from. (For example there is sand, and a glass bottle). All prop items are labeled so you know what they are and what they represent. There are also 8.5x11 posters showing common recyclables.

[Recycling BINGO](#)

Have some fun with this great BINGO game! Cards are customized by Hennepin County to feature both items that are recyclable and the natural resources they come from. There are beginning and advanced versions of this game.

[Recycling "What am I?" game](#)

An interactive and experiential game with adjustable difficulty that will get students up and talking to each other, all to figure out what they are (something having to do with recycling). Fun for all ages and adaptable as needed.

[Recycling guides](#)

A guide to what can be recycled. Feel free to distribute these. We will replenish them when the kit is returned.



Books

- **Bag in the Wind by: Ted Kooser**
 - Grades K-2—This book follows a plastic bag on its capricious journey from a landfill into a series of townspeople's lives.
- **The Adventures of an Aluminum Can**
 - Grades K-2--Peek into this diary of an aluminum can as it goes on a journey from inside a bauxite rock, to the manufacturing line, to the store shelf, to a display on a bookshelf, to a garbage can, and finally to a recycling plant where it emerges into its new life...as a baseball bat!
- **Michael Recycle By: Ellie Bethel**
 - Grades 1-5-- Michael Recycle tells the adventures of a young superhero whose power allows him to teach people about recycling. After cleaning up a town, the people declare: "To Michael Recycle! The green-caped crusader, our super-green hero, the planet's new savior!"
- **The Adventures of a Plastic Bottle**
 - Grades K-2--Learn about recycling from a new perspective! Peek into this diary of a plastic bottle as it goes on a journey from the refinery plant, to the manufacturing line, to the store shelf, to a garbage can, and finally to a recycling plant where it emerges into its new life...as a fleece jacket!
- **Recycle! By: Gail Gibbons**
 - Grade 2-4-- An eminently readable and well-organized offering that's filled with information. Gibbons's cartoons in primary shapes and colors graphically illustrate the contents of a landfill and how to recycle various products to cut down on the need for landfills--for which space is already in short supply. Discussing paper, plastic, glass, cans, and polystyrene, the author describes how to recycle, why it's necessary, and its benefits.

Flash drive

This flash drive includes a presentation about recycling as well as digital files of recycling guides, links to some helpful videos, and other digital resources.

I'll be sending you a survey after you return this kit to get your feedback and recommendations. Yet again, thanks so much and keep up the great work!

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