

# FURTHER SUGGESTIONS



# FINAL PROJECT IDEAS

## 1. Organise a Waste Fair

- white elephant sale
- trade + exchange toys, books, etc
- recycling games
- school clean up

## 2. Research a Topic

Students will thoroughly investigate a particular item of interest. This may be through library research, interviews, questionnaire surveys, visits, telephone enquiries or using a database.

The facts, figures, photographs, maps, drawings, illustrative material, samples, brochures etc obtained could be presented as a wall or foyer display, a talk and demonstration, a part of a seminar on waste management, a school library, a kit set for future or other classes, a public display etc

Topics could include: glass, recycling aluminium, paper, recycling and waste reduction in our community, plastic recycling, household waste, or composting

## 3. School Assembly

- presentations by students on waste
- organise a 'waste' play or skit

## 4. T-shirt Contest

Students decorate old t-shirts with paints etc ... using the themes from the kit

Have a contest for the most creative design

## 5. Create a Waste Newsletter

Articles on waste reduction, reuse, recycling and composting. Distribute one to each class, post on the noticeboard

## 6. Organise an Environmental Club

Come up with a name and theme for the club. Co-ordinate meetings and set goals (clean ups, school recycling, field trips, collect paper from classrooms)

## 7. Visit...

Your local community waste management sites - recycling depot, landfill, baling

station, glass/can/plastic recycling plant, manufacturing plant (how do they reduce waste?), shops/offices/fast food outlet/garage/builders yard... What do they do with waste? Do they reduce, reuse, recycle? Do they use recycled products? Incorporate what you've learned from your visit into a play, poster, story or art project.

# WASTE IN THE FUTURE

What will waste in the future be like? Try one of these activities to find out more about the future of waste...

## 1. Design a Wasteless World

Can you imagine a world without waste? Where does it go? Design your own 'wasteless world' of the future on a poster. Or why not create a lifelike model?

## 2. In the Year 2020...

Brainstorm possible ways to reduce, reuse and recycle in the year 2020 and beyond!

## 3. A Futuristic Package

Design a package of the future. What materials will be used? Can it be reused or recycled?

## 4. Ask the Experts

Interview...

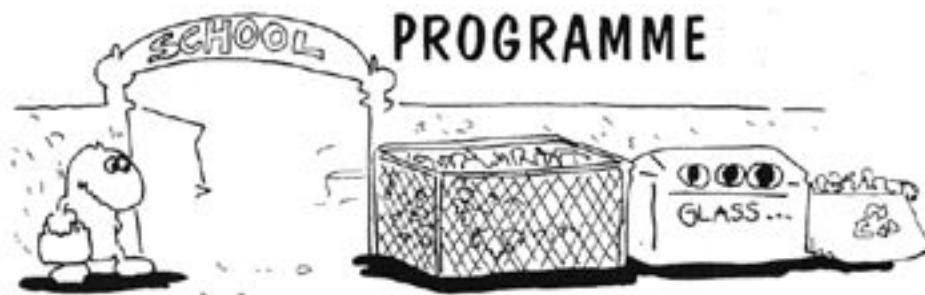
A plastics company to see what kinds of products are being designed for the future

A glass company to find out how glass might be used in the future

A steel manufacturer to see what new developments are being made in steel production and use



# HOW TO START A SCHOOL RECYCLING PROGRAMME



Recycling at school is a great way to reduce waste, help our environment and educate our young people on the importance of waste minimisation. Here are some suggestions for starting a recycling programme at school.

1. Organise a recycling committee to make the programme a success. Involve your friends, students from other classes and some interested teachers and parents.
2. Organise a meeting to decide:
  - what you will call the group
  - what you will recycle (see School Recycling list)
  - how you will collect things for recycling
  - where you will place your recycling bins
3. Contact recycling companies (see School Recycling list of contact numbers) to set up containers and a collection scheme.
4. Promote your recycling scheme. Create fun and colourful posters and flyers telling

students, teachers and administration staff where, what and how to recycle. Put notices in your school newsletter for parents to encourage their involvement in the programme. Contact your local newspaper to see about advertising your programme!

5. Start recycling!
6. Keep students, teachers and parents involved. Tell them how the programme is going. Ask your recycling companies how much glass, aluminium, paper and plastic your school is recycling.
7. Hold regular meetings. To keep everyone interested in recycling you have to make it fun. Try to organise special events at school - like environment days, recycling team excursions. Other ideas include planting trees, organising a school composting programme, and guest speakers.

## SCHOOL RECYCLING

Contact these industries to assist in setting up recycling at school:

### Aluminium

Sims Pacific Metals  
phone: 09 579 5127 or 0800 254 226  
contact: Bernadette Gamble

### Clothing

Supreme Textiles  
No charge for bin, fully serviced  
phone: 09 275 9247  
contact: Tom Doonan

### Glass

Paper Reclaim  
phone: 09 571 0242

### Paper

Paper Chain  
phone: 09 526 6409  
contact: Sarah Clothier

Paper Reclaim  
phone: 09 571 0242

### Plastic

Paper Reclaim  
phone: 09 571 0242



# HOLIDAY WASTE IDEAS

Christmas is a time of giving and receiving. Why not make a difference this year and make 'wasteless' gifts of used or recycled items.

Here are just a few ideas for homemade holiday gifts:

**Advent Calendar:** The top sheet of paper is painted (or crayoned) like a house, tree, or Christmas scene, with number flaps that open in the shape of windows, ornaments, doors etc. The underlying layer is decorated so that when a flap opens, a holiday scene appears.

**Bird House:** Build your own from scrap wood

**Building Blocks:** Check timberyard for odd ends of wood. Saw them to any size you like, sand them well and paint them

**Calendar:** Enlarge your favourite photos, make a collage, include a variety of artwork, colours, shapes etc

**Nativity Scene:** Recreate the manger scene using modelling clay and paint

**Plants:** Pass along parts of your plants, Aloe and cactus are pretty, useful and easy to propagate from cuttings. Hand decorate pots.

**Gift Coupons:** One of the best gifts and doesn't cost a cent! Why not give your time as a gift to a parent, grandparent, neighbour or friend! How about a coupon for a day of housecleaning, babysitting etc. Or what about a coupon for dishwashing, vacuuming or window cleaning.

**Homemade Wrapping**

- a teatowel
- scarves
- newspaper
- magazine pages
- plain drawing paper ... paint it with old sponges
- clothing
- replace bows with berries, dried flowers or leaves
- make cards from scrap paper, crayons etc

Make your own ornaments! Decorate old toys, bits and pieces and art supplies to make creative tree ornaments... Why not give them as gifts?

## After the Holidays

- mulch your christmas tree
- compost your food scraps
- recycle your wrapping paper and boxes! reuse them next year!
- reuse holiday cards!

# HOW TO ORGANISE A BEACH CLEAN UP

1. Select a beach to clean up, preferably one that is near ports, industrial areas, off shore fishing grounds or a popular beach resort.
2. Seek assistance from local conservation groups to obtain litter bins, bags and to get ideas on promoting the activity (you may want to involve parents and other members of the community).

The following groups can help you co-ordinate a beach clean up:

Watercare - Adopt a Stream Programme  
Phone: 09 302 8036

Auckland Regional Council Enviroline  
Phone: 09 366 2070

or your local council.

3. Choose a date and time. Arrange a half day activity, preferably no longer than 2 to 3 hours. Plan to carry out your beach clean up at low tide.

