

WELCOME TO THE GREEN TEAM!

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WHAT IS THE GREEN TEAM?

The GREEN TEAM is funded by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection and administered by the Center for EcoTechnology.



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Resources on www.thegreenteam.org website
- Educational materials and activities
- Free recycling equipment
- Free idling reduction signs and materials
- Recognition and prizes



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EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES





THE GREEN TEAM Slash Trash Lesson

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SLASH TRASH! Reducing, Reusing and Recycling Our Way to Zero Waste

OBJECTIVES

Raise awareness about the problems associated with waste disposal and help students discover how to reduce, reuse and recycle instead. Help students track and measure the results of their actions and see the difference they can make.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

What is the problem with trash?

Traditional waste disposal methods, landfilling and incineration, can cause environmental problems such as air and water pollution. As waste decomposes in a landfill, methane gas is released, contributing to the greenhouse effect and global warming. If the amount of trash generated by our society continues to rise, future generations will be faced with greater environmental problems as a result.

How can we solve the trash problem?

- Reduce** - The best way to cut down on the amount of trash requiring disposal is to not create it in the first place. Ways to reduce waste include avoiding disposable and over-packaged products, buying reusable products, and getting off "junk mail" lists. Home composting can keep nearly half of our household waste out of the traditional disposal system. Items that can be composted include fruit and vegetable scraps, leaves, grass clippings, weeds, garden debris, and nonrecyclable paper products (paper towels, napkins, plates, coffee filters, tea bags, tissue, and waxed paper).
- Reuse** - We can cut down on the amount of trash requiring disposal by reusing items instead of throwing them away. Examples of reuse include donating unneeded clothing or household items to charities or swap shops, repairing broken items, and reusing items like shopping bags, boxes, containers and aluminum foil. We can choose reusable straws, bags or water bottles instead of disposable ones.
- Recycle** - Many items that cannot be reduced or reused can be recycled, a process that converts them into new products. Newspaper, white paper and cardboard can be recycled into new paper products. Glass, metal and plastic items can be recycled into new containers or raw materials to build a variety of other products, like steel bridges and cars. Organic waste from restaurants, grocery stores and food processing plants can be recycled into compost. The list of materials being recycled continues to grow as new businesses are developed to use waste materials in place of virgin materials in the manufacturing process. It is important to close the recycling loop by buying products made with recycled materials.

Recycle Smart It is important to recycle correctly. If the recycling bin contains incorrect items, food, or liquids, the recycling workers and machinery can be harmed and the entire container will be trashed instead. Visit www.recyclesmartma.org to learn what can be recycled in Massachusetts and how to recycle correctly.

ACTIVITY


Discussion

Discuss the problem of trash with your students. Explain the concepts of reducing, reusing and recycling. Ask them for examples of items that commonly get thrown in the trash that could be reduced, reused, recycled or composted instead. Show them such examples. Discuss the impacts of contamination in the recycling stream. Ask them for examples of incorrect recycling and how to make recycling successful at home and at school.

Slash Trash Lesson – Suggested Grades: Kindergarten through Twelfth Grade

FREE RECYCLING & COMPOST EQUIPMENT





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Recycling Equipment Application

THE GREEN TEAM
320 Riverside Drive 1-A
Northampton, MA 01062
Phone (413) 586-7350 ext. 225
Fax (413) 586-7351

E-mail: recycle@thegreenteam.org www.thegreenteam.org

School Name _____ School ID (Office use Only) _____

Address _____ City/Town _____ Zip _____

Contact Name _____ Title _____

Telephone Number _____ Fax Number _____

E-mail Address _____


The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection cannot provide delivery of recycling equipment. Schools must pick up equipment at a location in Amherst, Pittsfield, or Boston.

Circle your preferred pickup location: **Amherst** **Boston** **Pittsfield**

Specify the quantity needed for the type of equipment you are requesting in the space(s) provided below:

Equipment

<p>Set Out Container Dimensions: L 21" x W 15.25" x H 13" Capacity: 14 Gallons Shape: Rectangular container suitable for classrooms and other school areas.</p>	<p>Quantity: _____</p>
<p>Recycle Basket Dimensions: L 14.5" x W 10.25" x H 15.25" Capacity: 7 Gallons Shape: Upright container designed for offices and rooms where space is a concern.</p>	<p>Quantity: _____</p>
<p>Recycling Cart Dimensions: L 22" x W 17" x H 42" Weight: 21 lbs. Capacity: 35 Gallons Shape: Lidded rolling cart usable for recyclables and yard debris. Carts eliminate the use of bags and make storing and moving recyclables easier and more convenient.</p>	<p>Quantity: _____</p>
<p>Compost Bin - The New Age Composter Type BIN-24 Dimensions: H 32" x 36" maximum diameter Capacity: Up to 24 cubic feet Shape: Circular bin made from recycled plastics. Four convenient adjustable sizes; Smallest size holds 12.5 cu. ft.; Largest holds 24 cu. ft. Bin height is 32 inches.</p>	<p>Quantity: _____</p>



Worms for Indoor Composting in Worm Bins Quantity: _____

Prepaid certificate for one pound of red worms, which are redeemable by mail. Limit: 1 per school (please share). Recipients may make worm bins by following instructions at:
<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/recycle/reduce/vermicomposting-indoor-composting-with-worms.html>

RECYCLING BINS IN ACTION!



Mount Alvernia Academy, Chestnut Hill



St. John Paul II Catholic Academy, Dorchester



Snug Harbor School, Quincy



COMPOST, COMPOST, COMPOST!



Dryden Veterans Memorial School, Springfield



Centerville Elementary School, Beverly



FREE IDLING REDUCTION MATERIALS



REDUCING IDLING AT SCHOOLS



Hingham High School, Hingham



Innovation Academy Charter High School, Tyngsboro



RECOGNITION & PRIZES



Helen E. James Elementary School, Williamsburg

School Name	Community	Teacher	Green Team Prize
James Clark Elementary School	Agawam	Tammy Rumpalik	Garden Supplies
Amesbury Elementary School	Amesbury	Bruce McBrien	Garden Supplies
Thompson Elementary School	Arlington	Elizabeth Rocco	Recycling Show
Oakmont Regional High School	Ashburnham	Alana Archangelo	Garden Supplies
Swift River Elementary School	Belchertown	Cindy Fournier	Garden Supplies
Ellison Parks Early Education Center	Boston	Donnie Lucente	Recycling Show
Andrew Peabody School	Cambridge	Leslie Williams-Dunn	Recycling Show
Mount Alvernia Academy	Chestnut Hill	Maria Lyons	Recycling Show
Agawam Junior High School	Feeding Hills	Sandee Johnson	Recycling Show
Lt. Clayre P. Sullivan Elementary School	Holyoke	Rick Haggerty	Recycling Show
Robert Frost Middle School	Lawrence	Paul Flanigan	Garden Supplies
Bartlett Community Partnership School	Lowell	Joanne Downing	Recycling Show
Manchester Essex Regional Middle/High School	Manchester	Keith Gray	Garden Supplies
South Shore Natural Science Center	Norwell	Diane Thureson	Recycling Show

2018-2019 Prizewinners



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WHAT ARE OTHER SCHOOLS DOING?



THOMPSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, ARLINGTON



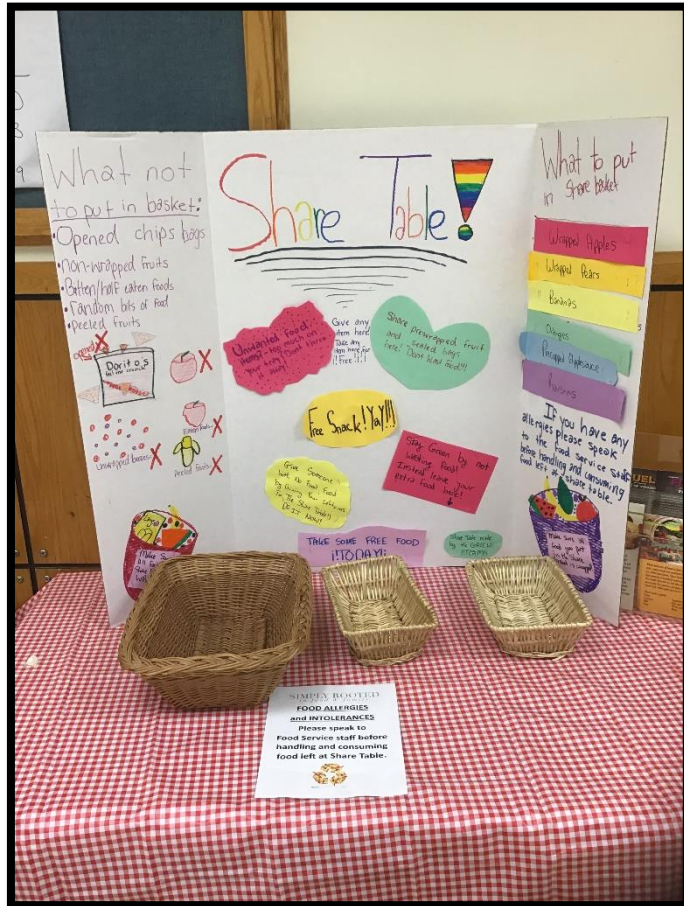
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MASON-RICE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, NEWTON

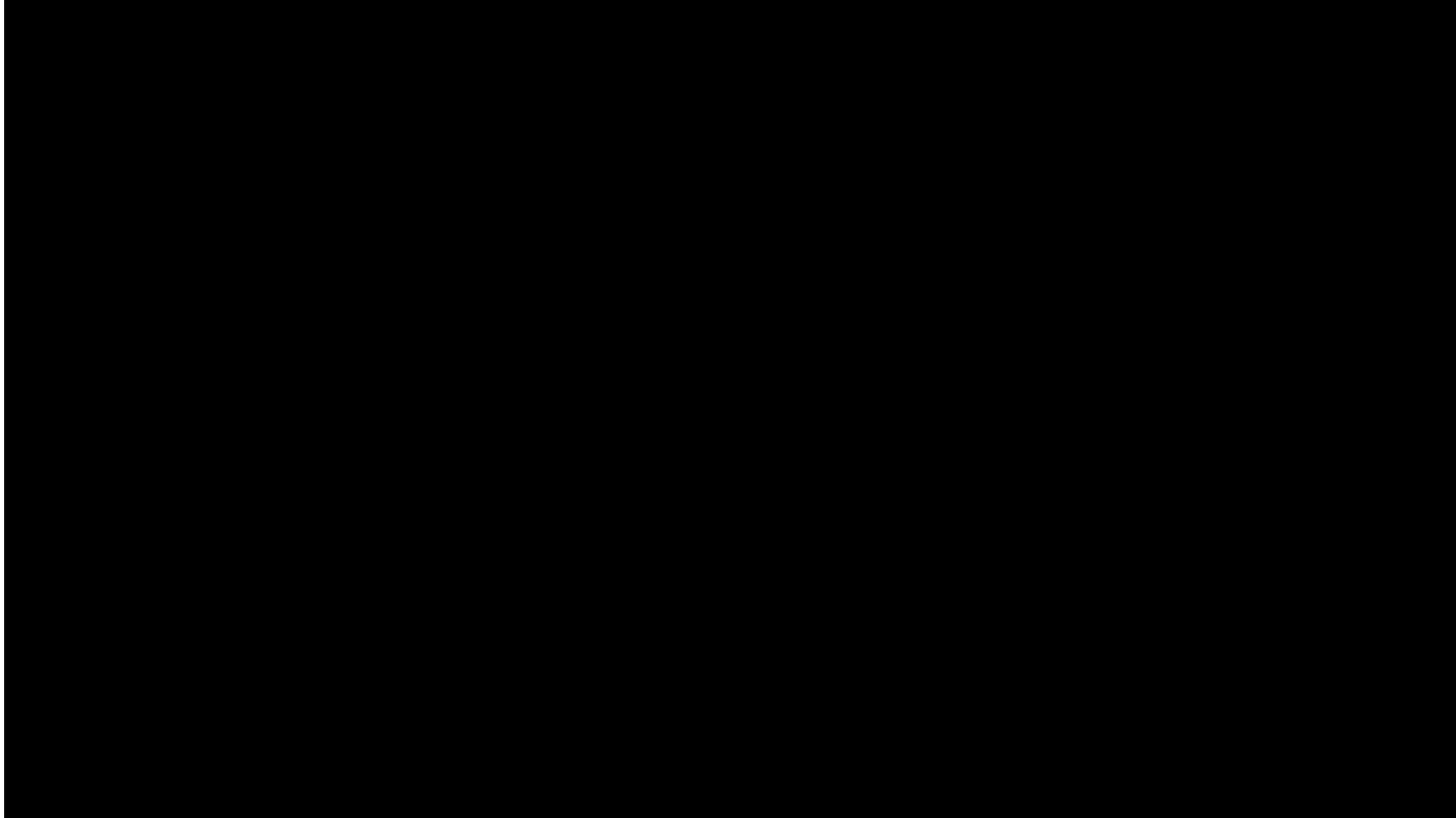


<http://mrgreenkids.blogspot.com/>

HULL MEMORIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL, HULL



HINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

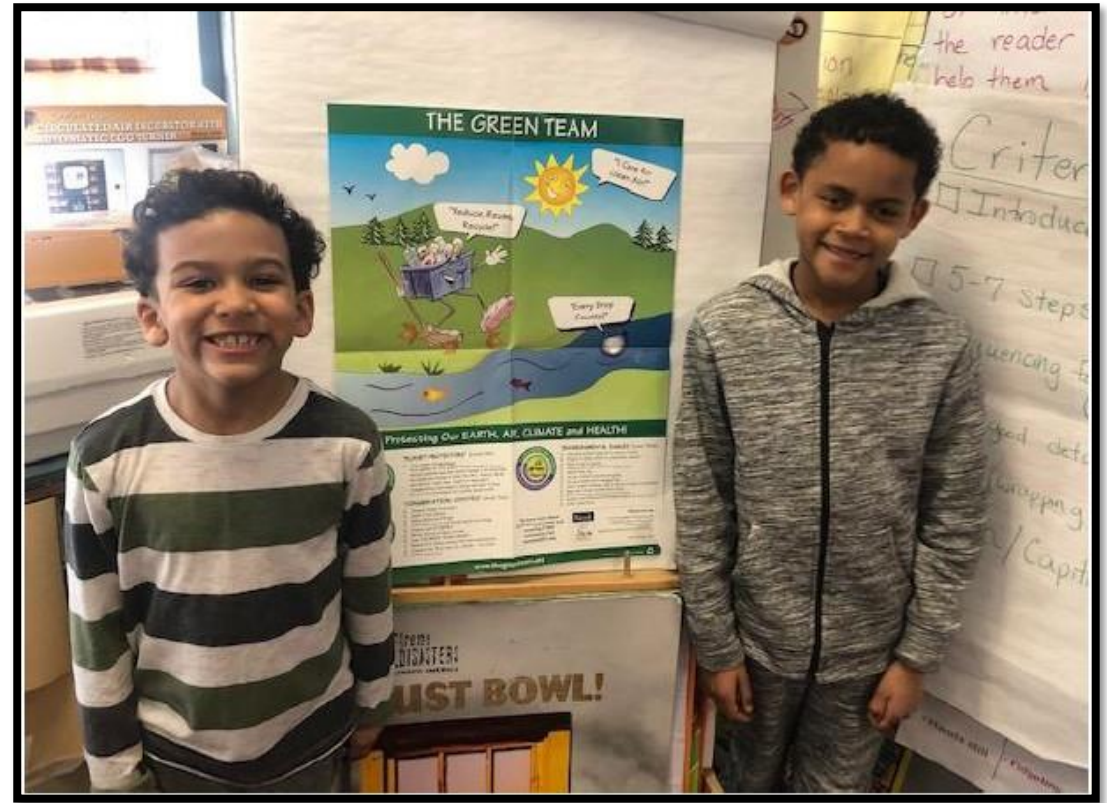


<https://thegreenteam.org/the-green-team-hingham-high-school-case-study/>

STUDENTS LOVE THE GREEN TEAM!



Bridgewater-Raynham Regional High School, Bridgewater



Elizabeth Carter Brooks School, New Bedford



QUESTIONS?

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