

# New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

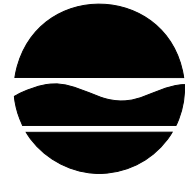
## Division of Materials Management

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## SCHOOL RECYCLING INFORMATION

The following information will assist you in developing your recycling program.

### **New York Recycles! Poster Contest**

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/education/32506.html>

New York Recycles is our way of promoting recycling and buying recycled in New York State. The twelve New York State winners receive the honor of having their artwork in a calendar which will be distributed throughout the State. The schools with winning entries will also receive a recycled content tote bag filled with educational materials and videos. The 2010 NY Recycles! Poster Contest Rules are available on our website.

### **New York Recycles Schools Challenge**

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/43349.html>

The New York Recycles Schools Challenge is sponsored by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and the State Department of Education to recognize those schools that are working towards responsible solid waste management by developing waste reduction, reuse, recycling, composting and/or buy recycled products and packaging programs. Information on the 2011 New York Recycles School Challenge will be up on the website soon!

### **Green Schools**

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8803.html>

This website will help you on your journey to become a Green School! The focus of this webpage is a comprehensive solid waste management program; however, here are areas to consider that will help further your transformation to a Green School.

### **A School Waste Reduction, Reuse, Recycling, Composting and Buy Recycled Resource Book**

[http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/materials\\_minerals\\_pdf/schoolhb.pdf](http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/materials_minerals_pdf/schoolhb.pdf)

The purpose of this Resource Book is to provide you with some basic information on a waste reduction, reuse, recycling, composting and buying recycled products and packaging program for your school.

### **New York Recycles!**

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8802.html>

Included in this website is a 36 page booklet with New York Recycles! lessons and activities for you to share with your students.

### **Local Recycling Coordinators**

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8511.html>

This is a list of local recycling coordinators that can provide you with local recycling information.

### **Educational Publications**

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8801.html>

This website lists all of DEC's waste reduction, reuse, recycling, composting and buy recycled educational materials.

### **Recycling Grants for School**

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/4776.html>

Funding is available to school districts under the Municipal Waste Reduction & Recycling (MWRR) State Assistance Program. Through the MWRR program, DEC provides 50% matching grants paid on a reimbursement basis up to a maximum of \$2 million, for projects that enhance school/municipal recycling or

composting programs for:

1. purchasing of equipment that is used to recycle or compost,
2. reimbursing salaries of recycling coordinators and recycling public education.

Examples of items that may be eligible for school recycling projects are:

1. Containers to collect paper or cans/bottles for recycling
2. Roll-off containers or dumpsters to aggregate the recyclables prior to delivery to recycling market
3. Educational materials on waste reduction and recycling
4. Banners
5. Promotional items

### **USEPA**

<http://www.epa.gov/epahome/educational.htm>

Get information you can use when you teach.

### **NYS Energy Research Development Authority**

<http://www.getenergysmart.org/schools/schools.asp>

The Energy Smart Students Program provides teachers and students with opportunities to learn about energy and its impact on the environment and economy.

### **Go Green Initiative**

<http://www.gogreeninitiative.org/>

The key to successfully implement the Go Green Initiative and create meaningful environmental change at your school is to get buy-in and support from parents, teachers, custodians and administrators. We're here to help you!

### **NYS Association for Reduction, Reuse and Recycling**

<http://nysar3.org>

The NYS Association for Reduction, Reuse & Recycling established a grant program for schools in 2005 for the purpose of providing seed, or start-up, money for recycling/waste reduction programs in public and private schools. Since that time, sixty (60) NYS schools and/or school districts have benefitted financially from the program, to say nothing of the environmental benefits achieved by instituting recycling/waste reduction programs in schools.

### **Maine Recycling Education**

<http://www.maine.gov/spo/recycle/education>

Recycling Resources for Teachers

### **ANY QUESTIONS?**

If you have any questions, please call (518) 402-8705, email [dshmwrr@gw.dec.state.ny.us](mailto:dshmwrr@gw.dec.state.ny.us) or write us at:

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