



City of
Laredo



City of Laredo Recycling

School Program Guide

The following programs have been developed to engage students in activities and discussions, encouraging them to think about how choices impact our lives today and in the future.

PreK- 2nd grade: Environmental Education Puppet Shows

Recycling is Easy Puppet Show

A lesson on public health to keep flies away from trashcan and learning how to recycle to reduce the amount of garbage going into garbage can.



Animated Presentation –Don't Trash it Recycle it!

A lesson on what items get recycled and the environmental impact it has when we do recycle.



3rd through 5th grade: Recycling today's resources for tomorrow's future

Students learn about the Landfill, decomposition of materials, and recycling. Presentation is about 30-45 minutes.

3rd through 5th grade: Ready, Set, Sort Presentation

It involves a presentation with an activity. Encourage people to recycle more by providing an interactive opportunity to learn what can and can't be recycled. It is a full blown competition with two teams racing to sort recyclables. This is definitely done in a school GYM. Presentation is 20 minutes and Relay Race 10 minutes.

Middle and High School presentations

6th grade through 12th grade: Reducing our Eco-foot Print

This presentation focuses on youth consumption and how their choices affect the

environment. This program basic introduction to recycling, natural resources, renewable and non-renewable and discuss other initiatives to protect our earth.

Based on Your Environment Your Choice

<http://www.epa.gov/osw/education/teens/think.htm>

Students also see a video of our local Material Recovery Facility. The Recycling Center is where the recycling materials are sorted, and prepared for marketing to end-user manufacturers.

Presentation is 30-45 minutes.

3rd Grade through 12th grade: Reducing, Reusing and Recycling Presentation

This City of Laredo presentation is interactive, hands-on presentation teaching students about waste prevention and reduction. It entails doing a project with recycling materials and doing an arts & craft project.

15 minute presentation and 15 minutes for the arts & craft project

EnviroTour for all grade levels

Laredo Solid Waste Recycling Division coordinates tours of the Landfill and Recycling Center. Interested citizens, students, and/or groups get to see how the landfill is operated to meet federal, state, and local regulations. Groups also learn how the disposal cells at the landfill are constructed to manage the waste appropriately. Tours are by appointment only.

Tours are about 30-40 minutes.

School Resources on Waste and Recycling Information

Eco-partner Newsletter- City of Laredo has a quarterly newsletter that runs in two local newspapers, posted on the solid waste website, and hardcopies may be requested.

Texas School recycling guide—A booklet printed by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality with tips on how to implement a recycling collection and club at school.

Videos uploaded online—The City of Laredo Material Recovery Facility video in both English and Spanish.