



City of  
**Laredo**



# City of Laredo Recycling

## School Program Guide

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

### PreK- 2<sup>nd</sup> grade: Environmental Education Puppet Shows

#### **Recycling is Easy Puppet Show**

An interactive lesson on public health and recycling.

Children learn how to keep flies away from the trash bin along with the importance of recycling.



#### **Animated Presentation –Don't Trash it Recycle it**

An educational animation documenting the journey of recycling items and the environmental impact it has to our environment.



#### **Animated Presentation –Billie Bote's Mission**

Come along for an important mission with everyone's favorite mascot - Billie Bote. The R,R,R mission is crucial in teaching the children of LAREDO the importance of Reducing, reusing, and recycling. Find out how you can help make his mission your mission!



### **3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade: Recycling today's resources for tomorrow's future**

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

### **3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade: Ready, Set, Sort Presentation**

Encourage people to recycle by providing an interactive opportunity to learn what can and can't be recycled. This involves a presentation and physical participation based learning. The activity portion involves 2 teams competing to sort recyclables. This is definitely done in a school GYM. Presentation is 20 minutes and Relay Race is 10 minutes.

## **Middle and High School presentations**

### **6<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade: Protect our Earth**

This presentation focuses on how our choices affect our environment. This is a basic introduction to recycling, earth's natural resources, renewable energy, and non-renewable energy. We also discuss other initiatives to protect our earth.

Lesson is 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.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade: Reducing, Reusing and Recycling Presentation**

This City of Laredo presentation is interactive, hands-on, and informative by teaching students about waste prevention and reduction. It entails creating 'new' material while using recycled material.

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 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. It is also 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.

