



## Waste Management Utah Teacher's Guide to Environmental Resources

Educating students about the environment and the benefits of recycling is an important priority for Waste Management of Utah. Let us introduce you to two of Waste Management's educational websites: **Recycle Often.**

**Recycle Right.** ([www.rorr.com](http://www.rorr.com)) and **Think Green** ([www.thinkgreen.com](http://www.thinkgreen.com)). These websites are interactive, fun, and extremely valuable in terms of teaching and learning about waste and recycling. They cover many topics, including:



- Recycling
- Modern landfill operations
- Renewable energy
- Landfill gas as a renewable energy source
- Converting solid waste to clean renewable electricity
- Land reuse projects, such as wildlife habitats, when landfills are closed.

On the [www.rorr.com](http://www.rorr.com) website under Resources, there is an abundance of Teacher and Student Resources. Teachers can target their grade and topic of study, and find flyers and activities. Each curriculum has lessons about various environmental topics and some fun, hands-on activities.

The Think Green website provides videos for all school groups that provide a wealth of information. Under "How We Think Green", you may access videos and infographics on a variety of topics, including E-cycling and organics recycling. Thinkgreen.com is easy to navigate and can provide most of the information you need to teach students about the many facets of the environment.

### **Additional Websites**

The links below have some interesting tools to help all ages understand the importance of recycling, waste management and environmental stewardship!

#### **For Kids:**

- EPA's Environmental Kids Club (<http://www.epa.gov/kids/>)
- Earth911.org Education (<http://earth911.com/for-students/>)
- The Imagination Factory (<http://www.kid-at-art.com/>)– Shows visitors how to make art using materials most people throw away. Some of the activities include drawing, painting, sculpture, collage, papier-mâché, marbling and crafts. The "Trash Matcher" helps visitors find appropriate art activities for the solid waste they have available.
- EPA's Student Center (<http://www.epa.gov/students/>)

#### **For Teachers:**

- EPA's Teaching Center (<http://www.epa.gov/teachers/>)

#### **Recycling Sites:**

- Reduce, Reuse, Recycle (<http://www.epa.gov/epawaste/index.htm>)
- National Recycling Coalition (<http://www.nrc-recycle.org/>)
- SWANA (<http://www.swana.org/>)
- Plasticsresource.com
- Plastics.org
- National Parks and Conservation Association
- National PET Plastic Association (NAPCOR)
- Earth911.org for local environmental information, such as:
  - Recycling Services
  - Household Hazardous Waste
  - Composting
  - Aluminum Can Recycling
  - Used Oil Recycling
  - Cell phone and Computer Recycling
  - Sony electronics products recycling

## **Books**

Do you want to know more about recycling or the environment? The following books have lots of fun facts and exciting projects. Check your local library to find it and the other books listed below:

- **TITLE: Let's Talk Trash: The Kids' Book About Recycling**  
**AUTHOR:** David, Fassler & Kelly McQueen  
**INTEREST AGE LEVEL:** Preschool - 12 years

Do you worry about oil spills, rain forests, pollution and how our earth can stay green? This book tells about the problems of solid waste disposal so you can understand it. **Let's Talk Trash** tells you about major environmental issues facing the world today. Written with the help of children between 5 and 12 years of age, **Let's Talk Trash** shares their thoughts, questions, and drawings and encourages more discussion. "Talking Trash" has never been so much fun!

### ***Other Titles of Interest:***

#### **Earth-Friendly Toys: How to Make Fabulous Toys & Games from Reusable Objects**

by George Pfiffner

*Publisher: John Wiley & Sons, Inc.*

#### **Fifty Simple Things Kids Can Do to Recycle**

by Earthworks Group Staff

*Publisher: Earth Works*

#### **Follow That Trash: All About Recycling**

by Francis Jacobs

*Publisher: Putnam Publishing Group*

#### **Garbage & Recycling**

by Rosie Harlow

*Publisher: Larousse Kingfisher Chambers, Inc.*

#### **Gifts to Make for Your Favorite Grownup**

by Kathy Ross

*Publisher: Millbrook Press, Inc.*

#### **Here Comes the Recycling Truck**

by Judith Mathew

*Publisher: Albert Whitman & Co.*

**Learn to Recycle**

by Annalisa Suid

*Publisher: Monday Morning Books, Inc.*

**Recyclables Fun: Creative Craft Ideas**

by Diane Cherkerzian

*Publisher: Boyds Mills Press*

**Recycle That!**

by Fay Robinson

*Publisher: Children's Press*

**Where Does Garbage Go?**

by Isaac Asimov

*Publisher: Gareth Stevens, Inc.*

**Where Does All the Garbage Go?**

by Melvin Berger (mini books)

*Publisher: Newbridge Communications, Inc.*

**Videos**

Two more videos not found on the websites above but rather on YouTube. These videos give kids a chance to take a "virtual tour" through a recycling plant and landfill.

**Mr. Cool Can on Recycling:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=629cIJ5VZFc>

**Landfill Field Trip:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mA608GJ-EzM>

Enjoy your time exploring these resources, and remember to Recycle Often. Recycle Right!

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