



Recycling & waste reduction presentations

Schedule a presentation!

Call (360) 867-2491 or email SolidWasteYouth@co.thurston.wa.us to sign up your classroom. See reverse for presentation topics.

Presentations take approximately 60 minutes and can be virtual or in-person (when possible).

Borrow a loaner kit!

Plastics in the Ocean

This kit contains a lesson plan and activity materials to show students how plastic pollution can affect birds and other ocean life. Students will discuss how we can all reduce the amount of plastic ending up the ocean. Check out a kit for free for up to two weeks.

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4th through 8th grade presentations

Recycling Right

Students will learn about the benefits of recycling and be introduced to current challenges.

A sorting activity will help them learn what can be recycled in Thurston County, and why the quality of what's in the recycling bin is so important.



They will go home equipped to help their friends and families be better recyclers.

Food: Too Good to Waste

The average family throws away 25 percent of the food they buy.

Students will learn why and where food waste occurs and its impacts on the environment.

They will problem-solve in groups and will learn to maximize their food at home rather than letting it go to waste.



They can help save money and the environment at the same time!



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