



# School Recycling CLUB

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## School News You Can Use!!!

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### On the Road Again!

Our school recycling gurus will be heading out to do more school recycling assessments! Make sure to get in on the action by calling Kelly at (603) 736-4401 ext 17 or by email at [theclub@nrra.net](mailto:theclub@nrra.net). The assessment only takes about thirty minutes, but the suggestions offered can help improve your recycling program tremendously. We can't wait to hear from you!

### Tick Tock: It's Time to Plan for America Recycles Day!

Did you have your Recycling kick-off celebrate yet? If not, why not do it in celebration of America Recycles Day on November 15<sup>th</sup>? Because the day falls on a Saturday, most schools choose to celebrate it the week before. It can be done with a big, weeklong celebration or simply talking about it in during your class.

### *Here are a couple ideas to get your juices flowing:*



- Have your recycling club, classroom or grade organize the America Recycles Day activities.
- Consider doing a "green" theme week. Each day students can dress up to represent that day's specific theme. Some ideas include can day and green day.
- Host a unique recycling event. One idea is to collect sneakers and bring them to a participating store to get recycled. Check out the details here: [www.nikereuseashoe.com/](http://www.nikereuseashoe.com/)
- Host a recycling scavenger hunt where teams compete against each other to find common recyclables around the school.
- Integrate recycling into your lesson plan for the day.
- Find more inspiration and lesson plans at:
  - [www.americarecyclesday.org](http://www.americarecyclesday.org)

- <http://www.planetpals.com/americanrecycles.html>
- [http://www.deq.state.ok.us/pubs/lpd/uls\\_ard\\_ideas.pdf](http://www.deq.state.ok.us/pubs/lpd/uls_ard_ideas.pdf)
- [http://www.greeningschools.org/resources/view\\_cat\\_teacher.cfm?id=102](http://www.greeningschools.org/resources/view_cat_teacher.cfm?id=102)

### **Vermont Schools: Free Statewide Electronics Recycling!**

Are you cleaning up from Hurricane Irene and realize that you have a pile of wet electronics? Don't worry! They can still be recycled for free!

Effective July 1, 2011, Vermont's new [electronic waste law](#) bans the disposal of certain electronic devices and provides for convenient collection of computers, monitors, printers, computer peripherals, and televisions for consumers, charities, school districts, and small businesses that employ 10 or fewer individuals.

The FREE Vermont E-Cycles electronic recycling program established collection locations that are located **statewide** and **operate year-round**. All **computers, monitors, printers, computer peripherals and TVs** - regardless of brand, age, or condition - are accepted for FREE recycling. Other electronic devices are also accepted at these locations; however, **there may be a fee to dispose of those items**. To find your closest location, go to <http://www.anr.state.vt.us/ewaste/facilitylist.aspx>

If you are bringing a large load of electronics, please call the facility to arrange a drop off. Or, consider hosting an electronics recycling fundraiser. For more information on turning your electronics into money for your school, email [vtewaste@nrra.net](mailto:vtewaste@nrra.net).

### **Register, Recycle and Win with Al the Can!**



Al the Can extends an invitation to enter the second annual Great American Can Roundup (GACR) school Challenge. Catch the recycling spirit and win! Registration is now open. Go to <http://www.cancentral.com/roundup/> to register.

Registration must be completed by Dec. 15, so do it now and secure your opportunity to participate. Last year Epsom Central School won \$1,000!

Your chances to win up to \$6,000 are excellent and you get to keep all the earned recycling proceeds. Last year, every state in the nation was represented, but schools in only 30 states turned in their receipts. So please make sure you turn in your

receipts this year. A \$1,000 award will be given to the school recycling the most cans per capita in each state and the District of Columbia. The contest runs from America Recycles Day (Nov. 15, 2011) to Earth Day (April 22, 2012). The top per capita recycling school earns an additional \$5,000! Altogether, \$56,000 in prize money will be given away.

We look forward to seeing your schools on the Great American Can Roundup School Challenge leader board. Please contact Jenny Day at 202/232-4677, or by email [jday@cancentral.com](mailto:jday@cancentral.com) with any questions or ways we can help.

### **Calling all competitors!**

Do you have what it takes to be a recycling champion? Show off your best moves in the first-ever nationwide recycling competition for K-12 schools!



National nonprofit Keep America Beautiful introduces a fun and exciting recycling competition. Compete against other schools in your state and nationwide, or simply within your own school. There are lots of ways to get involved, tools to get you started and PRIZES for top performers. Go to <http://recycle-bowl.org/> for more information.