The NRRA School Recycling CLUB builds community action by directing students, teachers, schools, and communities to a clear understanding of pertinent solid and hazardous waste issues and supporting sustainable waste reduction programs.
CLASSROOM WORKSHOPS

NRRA Workshops are designed for use in standard classroom settings and most can be tailored to fit the curriculum and developmental needs of any class, grades K-12. Workshops are also a great staff development tool and work great as the focus of a Green Team meeting or Recycling Club after-school event. Workshops are generally 50 minutes long, but can be shortened or lengthened to fit any classroom period. As much as possible, the programs are experiential and hands-on in nature, and the NRRA School Recycling CLUB staff can assist with identifying curriculum standards that each program meets.

HEALTHY HOME, CLEAN WATERS

Participants investigate household toxins, primarily cleaning chemicals. They learn how to identify toxic products, why it matters to human health and the environment, how to safely dispose of toxics and how to make or find safer alternatives in the market place. Appropriate for all ages, hands-on activities vary according to group. All participants receive recipe books for making non-toxic products from common, inexpensive items.

WASTE = GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE

This workshop connects waste and global climate change and is followed by a Q&A session. A group break-out session explores and evaluates the school using a waste-focused “School Sustainability Scorecard”. Teams reassemble to report their findings and to reflect on environmental practices and policies the school already has and those they might consider adopting.

BACK TO THE EARTH

Yard trimmings and food residuals together constitute 27 percent of the US municipal solid waste stream. That’s a lot of waste to send to landfills when it could become useful and environmentally beneficial compost instead! Composting offers obvious resource management benefits and creates a useful product from organic waste that would otherwise have been landfilled. This workshop, available for all age groups, explains how composting works and how to make it work.

GARBAGE GUERRILLAS

A workshop version of our very popular Trash On the Lawn Day “TOLD”. Rather than sorting all the waste from a day, participants collect small working samples of waste, which are audited and analyzed.

RECYCLING AND COMPOSTING IN YOUR TOWN

Participants are introduced to the specifics of solid waste management as practiced every day in their local community. This workshop identifies the organizations which handle recyclables and compostables in your own town and region.
VERMONT E-CYCLES PROGRAM: MANAGING ELECTRONIC WASTE

Designed specifically for Vermont schools, our E-Cycles workshop covers the details of Vermont’s free electronics recycling program, including what is covered, why it’s important, and the environmental, social, and financial benefits to the state of the program. Workshop includes grade-level appropriate activities and take-home assignments.

SCHOOL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

NRRA school technical assistance programs are designed to work at a larger, school wide level and focus on big picture problems and solutions. Because of the nature of these programs, they tend to take more time and all work best when as many stakeholders at the school participate. At lower grade levels, these programs are often organized by teachers and staff, but in upper grade levels, we encourage students to take the leading role as a truly service learning leadership opportunity at their school.

GREEN CLEANING & INDOOR AIR QUALITY (IAQ) EVALUATION AND REVIEW

The NRRA School CLUB staff work with facility managers and custodians to evaluate custodial products and practices for indoor air quality impacts. A report assessing all currently used chemical products and recommendation for improved practices is generated and reviewed with staff and administrators/management during a second visit. Follow up assistance is provided as needed.

TRASH ON THE LAWN DAY (TOLD)

A thought-provoking service-learning project that assesses a school’s waste management issues and opportunities for improvement, while fostering student leadership. Under the NRRA School Club’s guidance, student leaders organize a waste sort of an entire days worth of trash. This tool for positive change examines waste management practices, purchasing policies, hauling agreements and diversion opportunities. A TOLD consists of envisioning and audit planning, the audit, and presentation of the results & action plan. TOLDS often draw media attention and can become an annual event to track progress toward sustainable cost-effective methods of school waste management.

STAR ASSESSMENTS

STAR Assessments are NRRA’s proprietary school recycling inventory and review. Developed for NRRA by Heather Greenwood, in collaboration with Antioch University New England, the STAR Assessment provides a comprehensive quantitative and qualitative report on a school’s recycling and waste reduction efforts in five key areas. The report provides clear, unbiased suggestions and areas for improvement as well as a base-line data for future examination of your schools recycling program. STAR Assessments take several hours to complete and require access to an entire school. They make a great activity for a Green Team or Recycling Team of students or teachers to start off a year or get better organized.
School CLUB Programs are offered at the Member price to all School CLUB Members. School CLUB Membership costs $.07/student for each academic year. NRRA Member towns and VT E-Cycles towns support School CLUB Membership on behalf of their schools, at no additional charge to the school. Non-CLUB members are also encouraged to use our programs, by either paying the non-member pricing or joining the CLUB and paying member rates. For more details on membership or to determine your membership status, please contact us.

**BILLING:**
NRRA will only charge for programs once the program has been completed. Members, schools, PTAs, solid waste districts, towns, individuals, green teams or corporate sponsors will not have to worry about paying for the program until it is completed. Instead, anyone interested in NRRA School Programs can simply order the programs they want or authorize NRRA to spend a certain dollar amount, and NRRA will find schools in your town or geographic area that want programs. NRRA will place the appropriate programs there. You will only be billed once programs are complete.

**STAFF:**
NRRA School Programs are offered across New England by some of the country’s most experienced experts on school recycling and recycling education. Our Staff Includes:

**Gwen Erley:** Gwen is our in-house School Club Coordinator. She oversees the day to day operation of the CLUB and serves as the liaison to all schools looking for assistance. She spent eight years in the educational sector creating and managing internships.

**Charen Fegard:** Charen comes to NRRA from AVR, where she was a full time Programs Coordinator and in-school expert for more than 7 years. Charen literally designed most of the programs NRRA offers, but is particularly interested in toxics, indoor air quality, and in working with student led teams.

**Jess Sankey:** Jess Sankey was formerly with the Chittenden Solid Waste District in Vermont, where she led that progressive organization’s work with schools across the greater Burlington area. Jess brings that expertise and experience to NRRA, as well as a keen eye for the links between schools and the communities they live in.

**Cindy Sterling:** Cindy comes to NRRA after years of service as an educator and recycling coordinator at the Windham Solid Waste District in Vermont. Among Cindy’s areas of expertise are the connections between recycling and sustainability and both local and national curricular standards.

For More Information or to Schedule Programs:
Visit www.schoolrecycling.net
Better yet, call our School CLUB Office and speak with Gwen Erley, our Schools CLUB Coordinator. Gwen can help you select the programs best suited to your needs, as well as coordinate between your school and the NRRA Staff that work in your area to find a program, date, and solution that best meet your particular needs.

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