

School CLUB Curricula Descriptions



Classic K-12 Recycling Activities with 21st Century Standards

NRRA's School CLUB is pleased to announce that the newest editions of their school curricula *3R's of the Common Core: A Teacher's Resource Guide to Solid Waste and Recycling* and *Teaching Toxics: Creating Solutions to Household Pollution* are ready for distribution! The former Association of Vermont Recyclers (AVR), a leader in Vermont recycling education programs, originally created these publications 25 years ago. In 2012, the CLUB assumed ownership of AVR's school resources and materials. In 2015, NRRA received funding from a USDA Rural Development grant program to update this outstanding curriculum. It now aligns with the national common core standards and is non-state specific. The intent was to correlate the standards to the lesson plans as originally written. This proved to be an incorrect assumption. Most of the lessons were revised and the Information and Resources sections upgraded, but the authors upheld the original concepts and objectives.



This is the workshop version of our very popular Trash On the Lawn Day (T.O.L.D.). Rather than sorting all the waste from a day, participants collect small working samples of waste, which are audited and analyzed.



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 for you.



Investigates household toxins, primarily cleaning chemicals

Learning outcomes:

- How to identify toxic products,
- Why it matters to human health and the environment,
- How to safely dispose of them
- How to make or find safer alternatives in the marketplace.

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.



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.