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America

Recycles Day

Is Nov. 15

Spokane Recycles Poster Contest
Check inside for more information.

Activities @ MOBIUS Kids—
Special museum recycling activities on Tuesday, Nov. 11 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission fees apply

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Back to School Waste Reduction

Classroom Recycling

Has your school been taking advantage of the single stream recycling program? Now, all recyclables can go into one container just like at home. Recyclables can be taken from the classroom to the curb in one container and picked up by your hauler. If you have questions about the service, just ask them. If you need small recycle bins for your classroom, contact Kris Major at 625-6521.



Event Recycling

If you need containers to collect recyclables at sporting events or the school carnival, you can check out Clear-Stream containers for free. They are easy to put up, easy to recognize, and easy to check out. For more information, call 625-6580 or email eventrecycling@spokanecity.org.



Recycling Recognition

As your school works towards more waste reduction, join nearly 300 schools throughout Washington State as a Washington Green School. Schools that certify receive a distinctive Washington Green Schools flag to display. Waste reduction is just one of the topics your students can work towards. Learn more at www.wagreenschools.org



Changes to Regional Solid Waste System

For the last 23 years, no matter where you lived in Spokane County your garbage and recycling services were pretty much the same. That will change this November as the current solid waste system's management moves from the City of Spokane to Spokane County. With this change,

cities within the county can choose not to join the new system. That might mean a change in the disposal facilities citizens can use, educational programs that are

available, and where your garbage goes for disposal. Depending on where you live, your garbage may now be long-hauled to a regional landfill rather than processed at Spokane's waste to energy facility. If you have questions about services where you live, contact your elected officials. "Know before you throw."



Spokane Regional Solid Waste System

2014 - 2015 Classroom Programs



Many hands making recycled paper

A waste reduction educator is available to make environmental education easy. Learn about throwing away less, recycling, and composting with fun, hands-on activities. Each presentation is about an hour and can be tailored to specific grade levels.

- **Compost – Nature’s Recycling** - Students learn composting science and explore wildlife (worms that can eat our garbage).
- **Hungry for a Waste Free Lunch?** - Students discuss choices that can be made to use fewer resources and have less garbage after lunch.
- **Waste to Energy — How it works** - Can't take a field trip to the facility? Learn about the WTE plant without leaving your classroom. Video and activities show students where their garbage goes and how it's used to make electricity.
- **Make it Recycled – Paper!** - Students make their own piece of paper from scraps out of your recycling bin.

Presenters use visual aids, hands-on activities, games, and take-home materials to help students enjoy and retain what they have learned.

Waste to Energy Tours



Learn where your garbage goes with a tour of Spokane's Waste to Energy Plant

Find out just where your garbage goes! The City of Spokane offers free tours of the Waste to Energy facility at 2900 S. Geiger Blvd. After Spokane residents and businesses reduce, reuse and recycle, there are still about 800 tons per day of waste to process. With your tour reservation, you get advance classroom

materials on solid waste as well as how the electricity is produced. The site visit includes:

- a video and discussion on the importance of recycling and waste reduction
- a walking tour of the plant that includes a look at the 2,000 degree fire!

School group tours are available for third grade and up. Group sizes are limited to staff availability and must be arranged by appointment two weeks in advance. **Call Kris Major at 625-6521 to reserve a spot for your class.**

2014 Poster Contest is On!

Students in kindergarten through eighth grade are invited to enter the 15th annual Spokane Recycles poster contest. The theme of this year's contest is:

**“Go Green with Big Blue”
Poster Deadline is Friday, Oct. 17.**

Finalists will have their work displayed in River Park Square Oct. 27- Nov. 14 and the school of the Grand Champion will receive free event recycling containers.

Note: there will be no recycling calendar this year, but the winner's artwork will be become a poster that will

be distributed throughout the county as part of an America Recycles Day celebration.

America Recycles Day is part of the Keep America Beautiful campaign. For more information, visit: www.americarecyclesday.org



ARD Poster Contest Rules

Posters can be on either letter or legal-sized paper, and can be oriented either vertically or horizontally. You may use markers, crayons, colored pencils; no 3-D collages accepted. **The student's name must not appear on the front of the poster.**

Primary considerations for judging are:

- Use of theme
- Originality & correct information
- Artistic ability—attractive and grade appropriate

Finalists from each grade level will be selected for display in River Park Square Oct. 27-Nov. 15. One grand champion will be selected from all the finalists. The grand champion's artwork will be made into a poster to be distributed throughout the region as part of Spokane's America

Recycles Day celebration. The winner's school will also receive free event recycling containers presented by Spokane's very own Recycle Man.



Recycle Man will come to the winner's school!

Posters must be received by 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17, at Spokane City Hall 808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd. Suite 606 Spokane, WA 99201 (If hand delivered, go to the sixth floor.)

Students may enter individually or as part of a class. Entrants must be in grades K-8. Complete and attach the release form below to back of poster. Please, no glue, staples, or paper clips. Do not fold.



ARD Poster Release Form

Student's Name: _____ Grade _____
 Home Address _____
 City _____ Zip Code _____
 Phone: _____ email _____
 Teacher _____
 School Name _____
 City _____ Phone _____

I hereby certify that this poster was completely drawn by the student above and agree that it may be offered for publication in the event it is selected as a winner in the "Spokane Recycles" Poster Contest. It is also understood that this poster becomes the property of the City of Spokane and may not be returned. I also give permission to publish any photos taken of above named child at Spokane Recycles events for Spokane Recycles promotional purposes.

Signature of Parent(s) or Guardian _____ Date _____



City and County of Spokane

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**Spokane Regional
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Upcoming Recycling Events

- **Saturday, Sept. 27** (10 a.m. - 2p.m.) **Spokane River Cleanup** -- pick up trash and recyclables. Go to www.friendsofthefalls.org for more info and to register.
- **Saturday, Oct. 25** (11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.) – **Compost Fair** at Finch Arboretum. Learn more about Nature’s Recycling – composting in your own backyard. First 100 Spokane County residents with ID who complete all activities can take home a compost bin.
- **Tuesday, Nov. 11** (11 a.m. to 3 p.m.) Celebrate America Recycles Day at Mobius Kids — make recycled paper, learn about worm bins, and do a recycling sort game
Regular admission fee applies
- **Saturday, Nov. 15 - America Recycles Day** Add to the festivities by hosting a recycling lesson or special assembly at your school the week before.

Learn more at www.solidwaste.org or call

America Recycles Day

Since 1997, communities across the country have come together Nov. 15 to celebrate America Recycles Day (ARD). More than a celebration, America Recycles Day is the only nationally recognized day dedicated to the promotion of recycling programs in the United States.

One day to educate and motivate. One day to get our neighbors, friends and commu-

nity leaders excited about what can be accomplished when we all work together. One day to make recycling bigger and better 365 days a year!

What can you and your school do to celebrate? Think about ways to raise awareness by taking advantage of many of the educational programs offered in this newsletter.

**Nov. 15 is the official
America Recycles Day**

