

Waste Reduction Week



October 16–22, 2017

School is the perfect place to practice waste reduction. Students who learn about waste in their classrooms gain good lifetime habits and teach their families how to minimize waste at home. Waste Reduction Week takes place right across Canada each year in October. There are lots of great ways to get your school or class involved.

EcoSuperior has exciting new presentations and activities for your classroom during Waste Reduction Week! These fun and interactive presentations will help students learn the importance of reducing single-use plastics in our daily lives.

2-4: Early Bird Gets the...plastic? -

Students review the importance of reducing waste and get to mimic a bird's life in a plastic-filled environment.

5-8: Packaging Analysis - Students analyze product packaging through a waste-reduction lens – is there some plastic packaging we can avoid?



St. Paul School Green Team
2015 Waste Reduction Week Launch

Contact Erin - 624-2147 - erin@ecosuperior.org to schedule your presentation now!



Students can see firsthand where their garbage goes!

Tours:

Tour the City of Thunder Bay's Solid Waste and Recycling Facility. Nothing gives a better perspective of how much waste a community produces as a trip to the local landfill. **Contact Shannon** – 624-2142 – shannon@ecosuperior.org for more details.

Conduct a Waste Audit:

A waste audit is a great way for students (and staff) to see exactly how much waste schools can generate. By investigating what makes its way into the trash at your school, you are better prepared to address where changes to your school's waste practices can be made.

Contact Shannon – 624-2142 – shannon@ecosuperior.org to receive a FREE digital resource and outline, includes planning notes, safety considerations, sample worksheets, and lesson plans.



Students find out what they have been throwing away!

Waste-Free Lunch Challenge:

Register your class or school to participate in the Recycling Council of Ontario's Waste-Free Lunch Challenge. Students will be amazed to see the ways they can reduce the waste generated by school lunches, and your class or school could win a great prize! Go to www.wastefreelunch.com for more information or to register.

Zero Waste Photo Contest:

Waste Reduction Week is a great time to commit to sending less garbage to landfill! Go single use plastic free - carry a reusable water bottle, refuse the straw or bring your own bag shopping! We want to see what actions you're taking to reduce the waste you create. Take a picture, post it on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram tagged #zerowastetbay and you could win an awesome prize!

This waste reduction program is funded by the City of Thunder Bay and delivered by EcoSuperior. For more information, visit www.ecosuperior.org/wrw.