

Recycle at School Challenge

Go beyond the basics and help your students understand the importance of recycling more and recycling right. Keep Fort Worth Beautiful is challenging your school to reduce waste and make sure faculty and students are recycling the right way.

Enter the Challenge

1. Contact Keep Fort Worth Beautiful to let us know your school would like to register for the challenge. Call [817-392-2046](tel:817-392-2046) or send an email to KFWB@FortWorthTexas.Gov with **Recycle at School Challenge** in the subject line. Include your school name in the email.
2. You can enter the challenge at any point during the school year.
3. Complete at least **6 out of the 10** activities listed on this form.

Challenge Rules and Rewards

1. Email completed forms to KFWB@FortWorthTexas.Gov with all supporting photos, videos, and/or documents no later than **May 8, 2020** to be eligible for an ice cream party for participating students.
2. An ice cream party will be provided for up to 75 students per school.
3. All schools completing the challenge will also be recognized on the Keep Fort Worth Beautiful website and Facebook page.

Challenge Activities

REQUIRED: Form a School Green Team if your school does not already have one. Visit FortWorthTexas.gov/KFWB/School-Green-Teams for details and the application.

REQUIRED: Schedule a free, on-site recycling training that includes your School Green Team, administration, and supporting custodial or facility/operations staff. Email us at KFWB@fortworthtexas.gov or call [817-392-5963](tel:817-392-5963) to set up your training.

1. Create signs to go above the recycle bins at your school to help people know what they can and cannot recycle. Take photos of the signs. Did they help reduce bin contamination?
2. Provide recycling bins at a school event (sports game, festival, etc.). Special event recycling bins are available from the City of Fort Worth at fortworthtexas.gov/Parks/EventRecycling. Take photos of the bins at the event.
3. Plan an America Recycles Day event at your school. Take photos of the activities and tell us what you learned about recycling. You can get event ideas here: americarecyclesday.org.

4. Schedule a City of Fort Worth Community Engagement educational presentation and log the date of the presentation. To schedule, call [817-392-6201](tel:817-392-6201) or email Engagement@FortWorthTexas.gov.
 - a. Captain Crud & the Buddies (K-5th)
 - b. Recycle Right! (K-12th)
5. Sign up for one of the Terracycle recycling programs at terracycle.com/en-US and report how many pounds of recyclables you collect through the program. They will recycle some items for free, while others require you to purchase a box. If you fundraise to pay for one of their services, tell us about the experience.
6. Participate in a World Wear Project fundraiser, either by hosting a clothing and shoe collection event or hosting one of their recycling dumpsters or shoe bins on your campus. Let us know how much you collect, either the number of items or weight of items. You could double up with this program by making it part of your America Recycles Day event. For more information or to sign up, visit worldwearproject.com.
7. Install a Welman Project re-use box in your school. Teachers and staff place items into the box that they don't need, and other teachers can help themselves to items they will use. If the box gets full of unwanted supplies, contact Taylor Willis at The Welman Project. Email her at taylor@thewelmanproject.org or call [817-809-6389](tel:817-809-6389), and she will arrange to pick them up. Students can decorate the box and help monitor how full it gets. Take pictures of the box and tell us if teachers are using it.
8. Host a recycled art show using items that would otherwise wind up in the trash to make repurposed art. Take a picture of student creations, and include a caption for each piece about what inspired them.
9. Take your students on a field trip to our local Materials Recycling Facility (MRF). This is a very impactful experience for everyone who visits, as they see first-hand how recyclables are processed and what happens when people put items in the recycle bins that can't be recycled. To schedule a tour, please contact us at KFWB@fortworthtexas.gov or call [817-392-5963](tel:817-392-5963).
10. Start a Blue Zones share table in your cafeteria where students can place unwanted and unopened items for other students to eat/drink. Blue Zones Project will help get your Share Table in place by working with cafeteria staff and nutritional services. They can also help your students set up and decorate the table. Contact Adjoa Brown with Blue Zones Project at AdjoaBrown@TexasHealth.org or by phone at [817-433-7463](tel:817-433-7463) for assistance starting your Share Table.