

NetWaste School News

A Collaborative Approach

DID YOU KNOW...?

When you recycle the items are reprocessed and made into new products. This reduces the amount of natural resources such as water, coal, oil, sand and metal ore used to manufacture new products. When you recycle 1000 tonnes of recycling you save:



6 Olympic swimming pools of water



Greenhouse gas savings equal to removing **121** cars off the road

Energy savings equal to the annual electricity needs of 71 households

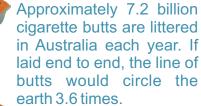
Lifter Facts











Common litter items are cigarette butts, chewing gum, takeaway food packaging, drink containers, paper, plastics, shopping trolleys and organic material

Facts courtesy of the Victorian Litter Action Alliance

Look out for Litter!

Every piece of litter damages our environment. Litter can make an area look uncared for and dirty and can attract more litter. Littered areas are not pleasant to be in and are less likely to be used by people. Some types of litter can even cause harm to us.

Litter is mobile and often ends up in our waterways through stormwater drains or by being blown by wind. Waste in the form of litter also poses a threat to wildlife. Litter such as cigarette butts, plastic bags and other plastics can harm animal and marine life by polluting the water they live in, causing entanglement or chocking if eaten.

So what can we do to help Australia and our local environment to stay litter free?

- Reducing the amount of litter we produce by making your own litter free lunch;
- Having your school enter in the Plastic Bag Reduction Awards (see the Keep Australia Beautiful website below); and
- Finding out more about litter through these websites:



Award - www.kab.org.au

Liffer Links



- •Clean Up Australia Clean Up Australia Day- www.cleanup.com.au •Keep Australia Beautiful - Litter Index and Plastic Bag Reduction
- •NSW Police Litter Laws www.policensw.com/info/gen/l1a.html
- •NSW Government Litter Prevention Program

Waste Hotline 1300 725 415 www.environment.nsw.gov.au/litter













Waste Education Program Dates. For education enquiries: Sue Clarke 6393 8772.



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Student Activity: Litter Find A Word

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Find these litter words: BAGS, DISPOSABLE, LAWS, LITTER, PLASTIC, FINES, PACKAGING, POLLUTION, RECYCLE, STORMWATER, WIND, WATERWAY, EPA, ENVIRONMENT. CLEAN, WILDLIFE, DIRTY, REUSABLE.

WIN a Worm Farm

By answering the 5 questions below you 1. What are the most common reasons for littering? could win a worm farm or your school could win a cool 'recycled popper' bag. Just send your answers along with your name, age, school and telephone number to:

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Answer these 5 questions

- 2. Name 2 of the most common littered items.
- 3. How many Olympic swimming pools of water have been saved by residents this year?
- 4. Are plastic bags litter?
- 5. How does litter end up in our waterways?

HINT: All the answers are in the newsletter! **GOODLUCK**

The first correct entry drawn will win a worm farm. The next 2 correct entries drawn will win a 'Recycled Popper' bag for their school.

PS: Don't forget to put your name on your answer sheet.