

Help your students become Environmental Superheroes!

environmental superhero

The Hendricks County Solid Waste Management District is dedicated to promoting recycling, waste reduction and responsible waste management within Hendricks County. One of the most important ways we reach this goal is through youth education and public outreach.

Every year the District provides free environmental education programs to thousands of children throughout the county. We offer a variety of free programs that help teach students about waste reduction, reuse, recycling, landfills and disposal of household hazardous waste. Most of our programs even meet state academic standards!

We would love to come visit your classroom this year! To schedule a program, contact Katie Archer, Youth Education Coordinator at karcher@hendrickssolidwaste.com. Due to high demand for programs, availability may be limited.

Are you limited on time in the classroom but would still like help with environmental lessons? Give us a call! We offer a Traveling Environmental Library bin for grade levels K-6th that teachers can check out for up to 3 weeks. We also have Environmental Program bins for the How Do They Do That and Reduce Reuse Recycle programs available to loan teachers. Please let us know if you are interested in either service.

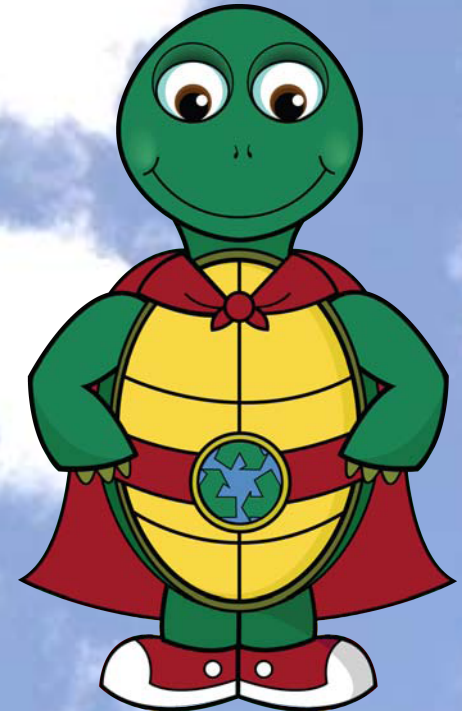


To schedule your program, reserve your Traveling Environmental Library or a Program Bin contact:

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Environmental Superhero Programs

jammin' with junk

30-45 min., Pre K-5th

Take a little trash, a little time and some imagination and we can make a band! This great discovery time teaches students how to REUSE trash and make something fun and musical!

reduce, reuse, recycle and rethink!

30-45 min.

Basics of Recycling Pre K-2nd

Learn the basics of recycling! What can we recycle? How can we recycle it? Where can we recycle it? And why should we recycle it?

Smith Family Crisis 3rd-6th

Go through the average American family's garbage and see how we can help them reduce, reuse, recycle and rethink!

hazardous house of horrors

45 min., K-3rd

What's that lurking in closets, kitchen cupboards, or garage? It's scary stuff that little ones need to stay away from. This program takes students room by room through our House of Horrors dollhouse to identify things that are yucky and how to be safe around these hazardous materials.

trash to treasure craft

60 min., K-Adult

Make scarecrows, pumpkins, valentines, Easter baskets, wreaths and more! If you have a specific request, just let us know!

worms are still eating my garbage!

45 min., K-Adult

Scheduled only Sept.-Nov. Learn about the red worm and how it turns garbage into compost. If desired, the class is left with a working vermi compost system and a "how to" book.

garbage pizza

60 min., 2nd-5th

Have you ever wondered how much space cardboard, plastic or paper take up in the landfill? This is a fun way to learn math and science at the same time!

how do they do that?

45 min., 2nd-8th

What happens to the "stuff" we put in our recycling bin? It can find new life as lots of fun and useful things. This program also explains the difference between making things from natural resources and recycling. Lots of samples of recycled content items are included in the program!

incredible edible landfill

45 min., 3rd-6th

Discover how a sanitary landfill is constructed to prevent leakages into our groundwater through this hands-on activity. Each student creates his/her own landfill using different types of food items (i.e. ice cream cones, fruit and pudding.) Please notify us of any food allergies when scheduling this program!

who polluted white lick creek?

45 min., 4th-8th

For those who love a mystery, this is a real "whodunit?". Choose from a group of suspects and find out who polluted the creek and how. This program is about responsible disposal of Household Hazardous Wastes.

recycle for your health

45 min., 4th-Adult

Learn about Household Hazardous Waste (the yucky stuff)... what's toxic, what's not, alternatives to hazards and safe disposal option for them. This program brings concepts home with a hands-on visit to a "trashy town".

enviro-shopping

45 min., 6th -Adult

Let us come to your school and teach your students how to be an environmental consumer. This includes lots of samples and a demonstration.

litter: pick it up, don't pass it up!

60 min., K-6th

What is litter? Where does it come from? What can you do about it? Find out with this interactive litter prevention program. **Weather permitting**, this will include a litter clean-up around the school grounds.

pop bottle science

45 min., 3rd-8th

Reinforce scientific concepts like gravity, states of matter, physical reaction, density, etc. in a fantastically fun and exciting way all while REUSING pop bottles! This is a great program to spark science fair project ideas. **Warning: portions of this project will need to be done outside due to the high potential for a big mess!**

enviro-survivor: a game of environmental survival

4 hours, 5th-Adult

Students form tribes and execute mental and physical challenges related to care for their paradise island.

environmental jeopardy

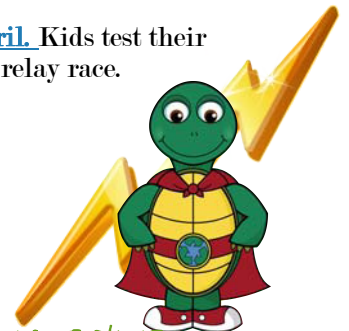
45 min., 4rd-6th

This is a great program to do if your students have had a previous program or have been studying about the environment. Students compete in two teams to answer questions about the landfill, household hazardous waste, recycling and more!

earth day scavenger hunt

30 min., K-6th.

Scheduled only for April. Kids test their recycling skills in this relay race.



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