

The Spokane Regional Solid Waste System

Putting the Pieces Together in the Community

THE SPOKANE REGIONAL SOLID WASTE SYSTEM

offers a variety of free informational and educational programs for residents, students and teachers throughout Spokane County.

CLASSROOM PRESENTATIONS:

- Waste Reduction and Packaging
- Recycling -- The How's and Why's
- General Solid Waste Overview
- Deciphering the Plastic Code
- Composting
- Special Activity - Paper-making - recycle your classroom waste paper into a new product; an art project with an environmental twist.
- Teacher in-service workshops are also available.

Experts from the SRSWS are available to meet with teachers and/or students to share curriculum and show how to set up school recycling programs.

WASTE TO ENERGY FACILITY: BRING THE KIDS!

Free public tours are given every Wednesday and Thursday at 10 am and 1 pm. To schedule a classroom tour or a tour for 10 or more people, or for individuals with special needs, please call 509-625-6580. The tour includes a video presentation and a walk through of the facility. Participants need to dress for the weather and wear closed-toed shoes.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION:

Speakers from the Spokane Regional Solid Waste System can be scheduled to visit classrooms, businesses, service clubs, or community groups.



MASTER COMPOSTERS:

Volunteer Master Composters play an active role in teaching citizens to remove materials from their garbage by recycling them into a valuable soil amendment by composting them at home.

Community gatherings such as the Home Shows and activities at Finch Arboretum provide the Master Composter graduates with opportunities to share their enthusiasm for home composting. A composting exhibit trailer and an active compost pile are set up to provide visual aids and an actual demonstration while the Master Composters answer questions and hand out literature.

SPOKANE YOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL CONFERENCE:

The annual Spokane Youth Environmental Conference (SYEC) is a one-day, high-energy event for students in grades 7-12, to showcase their environmental science projects. The Conference is designed to:

- Encourage students to do real scientific investigations.
- Provide students a forum to share their projects with their peers. Through oral pre-

sentations and visual poster exhibits, students learn from each other about environmental issues and about concrete actions each individual can take to help address these issues.

- Enable students, through their active participation, to demonstrate their mastery of the Science and Language EALRs.
- Work toward meeting the Grade Level Expectations for math, reading and science.

ENVIROKIDS' CLUB:

The Spokane Regional Solid Waste System has joined with other agencies to create the EnviroKids' Club - a way for kids in grades K-6 to team up with other kids in Spokane County to help protect the Earth. Quarterly activity sheets allow kids to explore all aspects of the environment, including air, water, weather, garbage, recycling, plants and animals.

FOR INFORMATION ON THESE PROGRAMS contact Ann Murphy, Education Coordinator, at 625-6535 or Karen Stratton, Public Information Coordinator, at 625-6539.