

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

Recycling & Waste Reduction Support for WMass Educators



TOURS

Tours of the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) are available for school and other groups. The one-hour tour takes attendees behind the scenes to observe trucks unloading, sorting, and baling operations.

springfieldmrf.org/mrf-tours-available



VIDEOS

Bring the how, where, and why of recycling into the classroom with five short videos, recently produced by local experts. Learn how household recyclables are sorted with machines or by hand and what they become after leaving your recycling bin.

springfieldmrf.org/videos



POSTERS & FLYERS

Printable posters and signs with colorful photos identifying which items are - and are not - acceptable in western Mass household recycling programs. Great for use in classrooms, cafeterias, and at home.

springfieldmrf.org/whats-recyclable-at-the-mrf



THE GREEN TEAM

The Green Team is an interactive, educational program funded by the MassDEP that offers standard-aligned lesson plans and resources for classrooms and clubs across the state. Registered Green Teams earn recognition, win awards, and can request no-cost recycling, composting, and idle-reduction equipment.

thegreenteam.org



RECYCLE SMART MA

Find definitive, easy to understand information about what can and cannot be recycled at this MassDEP funded website. This site offers a Recyclopedia, online quizzes, downloadable graphics, and details about where your community's household recyclables are processed.

recyclesmartma.org



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

This page provides a curated collection of additional on-line recycling resources: links to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and recycling-related trade association websites, regional and national recycling groups, and miscellaneous school resources.

<http://springfieldmrf.org/links>



Are you the waste reduction advocate at your school? Email swaite@pvpc.org to learn about a state school waste reduction workgroup.