

# Eco-Team Recycling Activities

- Get your eco-team to write and deliver an assembly on recycling plastic items from the bathroom or plastic from around the home.
- Challenge your pupils to use the Recycle Now locator ([www.recyclenow.com/local-recycling](http://www.recyclenow.com/local-recycling)) to find out what plastic items they can recycle at home/ locally and in the nearest household waste recycling facility.
- Make a display of pictures and items that have been made from recycled plastics.
- Get your eco-team to have a class or the whole school measure the amount of food waste they generate at home over a week, consider how much this would be over a month and a year. Ask children to use the Recycling Locator ([www.recyclenow.com/local-recycling](http://www.recyclenow.com/local-recycling)) to find out if food waste can be collected in their local area. If they can recycle at home, they can create a kitchen poster to remind the whole household to recycle all their food waste.
- Get your eco-team to create an assembly on why it is good to recycle food to launch a competition for the best home food waste recycling reminder poster (that should also promote the Recycling Locator). They can take home and pin up their posters in their kitchens after judging day.
- Set up a Wastebuster team and empower them to make sure there are no wrong items in any classroom recycling bins. Set up a rota for emptying recycling points and checking any items that are collected for returning, such as milk cartons, are put in the right bins and placed ready for collection. The team should be able to award the best performing class of the week with extra playtime, or some other good incentive for motivation. Have a regular classroom recycling report at assemblies and celebrate the best performing class.
- Play a memory game. Ask the children to go on the 'Recycling Locator' ([www.recyclenow.com/local-recycling](http://www.recyclenow.com/local-recycling)) to find out what can be recycled locally and test how many they remember.
- If your school has received an Eco-Schools award or other accreditation for great recycling, celebrate your success by telling other people such as parents and the local press to promote your school ethics/eco-code.
- Invite your eco-team to create a class quiz on [plastic, food, carton, electrical, metal or paper & cardboard] recycling.
- Your eco-team could create an assembly on on [plastic, food waste, carton, electrical, metal or paper & cardboard] recycling and create a quiz that tests the school on what facts they have remembered from the assembly.
- Invite your eco-team to write a play on [plastic, food, carton, electrical, metal or paper & cardboard] recycling that will encourage people to recycle more. You can film it on a smart phone, to show to the school on an eco-week.



- Use waste paper to make a big eye-catching collage or decoupage with the theme of 'paper recycling to protect the planet' and a suitable title. Put in a location parents are likely to see it.
- Give your eco-team the mission to ensure all the classrooms (and offices) have paper reuse and recycling bins.
- Invite your eco-team to create character finger puppets of the Wastebuster characters (activity sheets downloadable from [www.resources.wastebuster.co.uk](http://www.resources.wastebuster.co.uk)) and write a play you can film on a smartphone, to show to the school in an assembly.

