

Schools

Your school district determines your garbage and recycling service provider. In-classroom containers can be provided by them to aid in the collection of paper in the classroom.

Tours: The Recyclery Center in San Carlos provides one-hour tours to groups of approximately 20-30 students. Students learn about what happens to their recyclables after they are placed on the curb and picked up by the recycling truck. Tours are given to youth ages 5 and older and can be scheduled by contacting **Elaine Guster**, Recycling Coordinator, Allied Waste at **596-6467** or EGuster@republicservices.com. As of January 2010, tours are temporarily suspended during on-site construction. Please call Elaine Guster for further details.

Curriculum: Numerous resources are available through the State of California for classroom waste reduction and recycling activities. Summaries of these resources are included below:

[Explorer's Club:](#) Here kids can learn more about the environment and the Environmental Protection Agency through fact sheets and interactive games.

[RecycleWorks Program:](#) For more information on resources for schools visit the County of San Mateo RecycleWorks Web site.

[Closing the Loop: Exploring Integrated Waste Management and Resource Conservation:](#) Suggested activities help students discover and nurture an environmental ethic and stewardship for natural resources. The activities focus on solid waste and environmental awareness topics including landfills, recycling, packaging, resource conservation, waste prevention, worm composting, and more. The lessons are grouped into the K-3 and 4-6 grade modules.

[Project Learning Tree: Municipal Solid Waste Module:](#)

This curriculum is designed for the 6-12 modules that is provided in partnership with Project Learning Tree and the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. It is specifically intended for educators who would like to focus on current solid waste issues. It helps students to realize that they can create a positive change in their community and the environment.

[The Worm Guide: A Vermicomposting Guide for Teachers:](#) This publication shows teachers how to instruct students about the benefits of vermicomposting or using worms to eat decaying food to form a valuable soil amendment. Detailed instructions are included on how to set up the process at your school. This publication also includes lesson plans and websites on this topic.

[Kidstuff](#) Another site where students can learn about how worms can turn food scraps into a valuable soil amendment through the adventures of Vermi the Worm and learn about hazardous products in their homes.