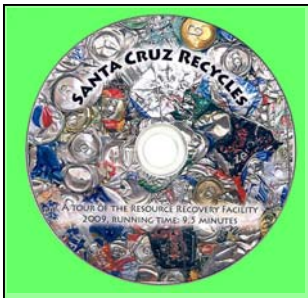
Teacher Resource Library

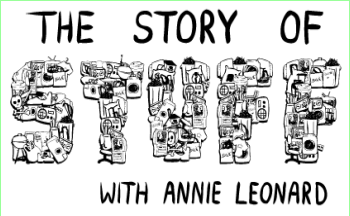
The City of Santa Cruz Teacher Resource Library contains a variety of DVDs & VHS videos focusing on waste reduction and recycling. Paper-making kits are also available. To arrange for a loan, please contact Mary Simmons at 831-420-5449 or msimmons@cityofsantacruz.com



Santa Cruz Recycles:
a Tour of the Resource Recovery Facility
DVD, 2009
9.5 minutes, appropriate for grades 3 and up
Description: What happens to all the recyclables when you put them in the blue bin? *Santa Cruz Recycles* takes you on a tour of your recyclable materials from your home to the Resource Recovery Facility. Learn how materials are sorted and baled and what kind of products are made from them. Great for classroom use!

The Cost of Cool: Youth, Consumption, & the Environment
VHS, 2001
26 minutes, appropriate for grades 7 & up
Description: *The Cost of Cool* offers a thorough examination of the problem of over-consumption and how it affects the earth. *The Cost of Cool* looks at everyday items from t-shirts to shoes and tracks the effect of their production on the world's resources. Teenagers wrestle with their learned buying patterns, recognizing that they don't actually need much of the stuff that they acquire. They discuss what it takes to be "cool", the pressures of consumerism, and the environmental price we pay to have the latest, "coolest" stuff.

Garbage Into Gold
VHS, 1995
24 minutes, appropriate for grades 8 and up
Description: *Garbage Into Gold* profiles the impressive work of a new breed of environmental innovators. Among these innovators are students who raise over $40,000 a year through recycling drives, a barber that makes "FertHairlizer", a soil company that composts food and yard waste, and a store that sells a wide range of recycled consumer products. This film will provide inspiration for anyone interested in recycling projects or businesses. It also shows that a part of making the process of recycling work means creating and buying recycled products.



The Story of Stuff

DVD, 2007

20 minutes, appropriate fro grades 9-12

Description: From its extraction through sale, use and disposal, all the stuff in our lives affects communities at home and abroad, yet most of this is hidden from view. **The Story of Stuff** is a fast-paced, fact-filled look at the underside of our production and consumption patterns. This film exposes the connections between a huge number of environmental and social issues, and inspires us to create a more sustainable and just world. It'll teach you something and make you laugh, and it just may change the way you look at all the stuff in your life forever.

Generation Earth

VHS, 1995

40 minutes, appropriate for grades 9-12

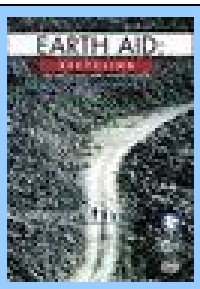
Description: *Generation Earth* presents an enlightened look at a wide range of hands-on environmental education and action programs in America's high schools. This video showcases students engaged in a variety of creative activities including environmental audits of their campuses and local businesses, monitoring water quality, gardening and composting, mentoring young students, seeking environmental justice, and creating slide shows, documentaries, and newspapers.

Think Twice

VHS, 2003

7 minutes, appropriate for grades 7-12

Description: *Think Twice* is a fast-paced look at the issue of teenage consumption. This video follows two high school students through a typical day and learn how their everyday choices have an enormous impact on the environment. This film helps it's viewers to "think twice" about everyday choices and provides simple solutions to have a positive impact on our planet. Think Twice is very informative and sure to spark classroom conversation.



Earth Aid: Recycling

DVD, 1994

17 minutes, appropriate for grades 7-12

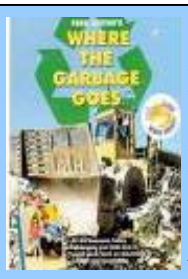
Description: *Earth Aid: Recycling*, hosted by Ed Begley, Jr., highlights a wealth of innovative tips that help us reduce waste without costing us a dime. The film shows that by adopting a few easy suggestions, we can really make a difference: minimize our air and water pollution, reduce our landfill overflow, and help preserve nature's re sources for generations to come.

A Kid's Eye View of Ecology

VHS, 1991

28 minutes, appropriate for grades K-4

Description: *A Kid's Eye View of Ecology* is an exciting introduction to environmental stewardship for kids. Pollution, recycling, energy, water conservation, deforestation, and ozone depletion are addressed in this upbeat and engaging film. Kids are encouraged to take an active role in preserving the environment, providing some practical and fun ways to make a difference.



Where The Garbage Goes

DVD,

30 minutes, appropriate for grades K-3

Description: Where The Garbage Goes aims to get young viewers excited about recycling. This film puts you in the driver's seat of all of the haulers, grinders, loaders, and compactors used in the recycling process. This film is both entertaining and informative– viewers will learn why it is important help in the recycling effort.

Recycle Rex

DVD, 2006

10 minutes, appropriate for grades K-3

Description: Follow Recycle Rex and his prehistoric friends as they learn about waste management and recycling. The dino kids don't want their sports fiend to become a garbage dump– but they must change their wasteful habits first. Recycle Rex and his friends realize that by reducing their waste and recycling, they will minimize the need for landfills. The friends accomplish their mission and are able to play on their new field. This DVD includes a Sing-along and a Bilingual Spanish Mode. Courtesy of the CA Department of Conservation.

Making Paper: From Mill to the Classroom

DVD, 2008

8 minutes, appropriate for grades 4-6

American forest & Paper Association

Description: *Making Paper* will take you from a paper mill to a classroom of students making paper by hand. Learn how paper is made commercially and how to make paper by hand from recycled newspaper. Use with our classroom paper making kit.