



# Program Descriptions

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Resource Recovery provides FREE educational programs to teach Rhode Island residents of all ages how to reduce, reuse, recycle, compost, and properly dispose of their waste. Educators are available to travel and speak to community groups.

If you are interested in scheduling a program, fill out a request form on our website at:

<https://www.rirc.org/education-program-support/presentations-speakers>.

## Program Topics Include:

**Recycling Right in RI:** You recycle, right? But do you recycle right? If you've ever found yourself squinting to look for a recycling symbol on a product, arguing with your friend or spouse over a pizza box, or wondering what actually happens to your recycling when it leaves the curb, you'll have these questions and more answered during Recycling Right in Rhode Island... and Going Beyond the Bin! For a younger audience consider inviting MaxMan, Rhode Island's recycling superhero.

**Restoring Your Future (for teens Gr 6-12):** This presentation for teens discusses how the "stuff" we buy, use, and ultimately dispose of impacts our environment and effects our changing climate. We'll examine the benefits of a circular economy and learn how to apply the 3Rs - reducing, reusing and recycling – to minimize our impact on the environment. Students will leave knowing how to recycle right in Rhode Island and realizing they have the power to create change through everyday habits and actions.

**Reduce, Reuse, Recycle! (for kids Gr 3-5):** What are the 3Rs – and why do they matter? This presentation will help you understand what happens to your trash and recycling once it leaves the curb. We'll talk about the journey of the stuff we buy and use, and how reducing, reusing, and recycling (in that order) save our natural resources and positively affect our planet. Students will leave knowing how to recycle right in Rhode Island and realizing they have the power to create change through everyday habits and actions.

**Recycling Right with MaxMan:** MaxMan is Rhode Island's recycling superhero! Although he does wear a cape, he's a very different kind of superhero. He doesn't fly through the air, or fight super villains...but he helps save the world by recycling, because everything we recycle is PART of the world! MaxMan, and his faithful team of educators at Rhode Island Resource Recovery, want to help you learn how to recycle right. Recycling Superheroes make Rhode Island a better place to live. By reducing, reusing and recycling, we save trees, minerals, oil, and energy—all parts of the world that humans depend on. Want

to be a superhero too? MaxMan has the power to transform you into a recycling superhero. With his help, you can do your part, which we think is pretty smart! Best suited for grades Pre-k through 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Interactive Virtual Tour of Resource Recovery (for Gr 6 – Adult):** Can't make it to our facility in Johnston but still want an interactive tour? Join one of our educators for a guided virtual tour to see how Rhode Island's waste is managed. You will get an inside look at our Materials Recycling Facility, Small Vehicle Area, Eco-Depot, Leaf & Yard Debris Composting Operation, and the Central Landfill. It is an eye-opening experience that will help you better understand how the decisions you make to manage your stuff impact our facility and state. By the end of the tour, you will know where your stuff goes, how to recycle right here in RI, and what we all need to do to extend the life of Rhode Island's Central Landfill.

**Intro to Composting:** This presentation will give you all the information you need to start composting in your backyard. Topics covered include a review of different ways to compost, what goes (and does not go!) in your compost bin, best practices for managing your bin, and how to harvest and apply your finished compost. If you've always wanted to compost, and compost right, this presentation is for you.

**Composting for Kids:** What is compost really – and why is it so important? This presentation will help you understand the amazing process of composting. We'll talk about the science behind it and the rules you want to follow to make it work for you! You will also learn about the tremendous impact you and other students can make in Rhode Island (and for the environment as a whole) just by starting a compost bin!

**Intro to Vermicomposting:** This workshop will give you all the information you need to start using worms in an existing outdoor compost bin or to start a worm bin that can be used indoors. Topics covered include selecting the right worms, what goes (and does not go!) in a worm bin, how to make a basic worm bin, best practices for managing your bin, and for harvesting and using your worm castings. If you've ever wondered why some people use worms in their compost bins, or if it is possible to compost indoors, this workshop is for you.

**Food Waste Prevention:** In this presentation you will learn how food waste occurs, the impact of wasted food, and simple tools that have been shown to be effective in reducing household food waste. From an impact standpoint, preventing household food waste has the double benefit of decreasing the amount of food waste going to the landfill (where it produces methane, a potent greenhouse gas) as well as saving households' money by preventing edible food from going to waste!

**Be a Food Waste Warrior: Food Waste Prevention for Kids:** Why do people waste food? And how does food waste affect you and the world? Wasted food can harm our environment and our community. But you can help! During this presentation, we will talk about how much food goes to waste every year, why it matters, and what you can do to stop it. Join us so you can learn how to become a Food Waste Warrior!

