

NOVEMBER

National Recycling Week

By 2050 there will be more plastic in our oceans than fish. The ratio of plastic weight to fish weight in the ocean was 1:5 in 2014, which is expected to change to 1:1 by 2050. Apart from fishes being the most affected by this, it has been estimated that nearly all of the world's seabirds have eaten plastic at some point in their life. Plastic recycling is an extremely important value that needs to be taught to kids to engage them in active recycling practice at school and at home.

Activity Options

Plastic Free Lunch

Encourage students to bring lunch that does not have any plastic waste or that minimizes plastic waste. Advise students to bring reusable lunch boxes and water bottles. This would also result in healthier food options for students with less prepackaged snack food and more fresh food.

National Recycling Week was established by Planet Ark in 1996 and they provide links to information and resources in your local areas to support their aim to unite people, businesses and governments through positive environmental actions.

Find your local recycling initiatives [here](#) or read more about Planet Ark suggested [programs](#).



Talking Points



- What can be recycled?
- Where does the plastic go?
- The impacts of not recycling plastic.
- The effects on sea life on consuming plastic.

Who might you invite to present the award?

- A member of the local council
- An environmentalist
- An environmental science student from your local university



Our marine life has been replaced by trash

