



## ***Purpose***

Teaching students to give the environment, local wildlife and to their community builds compassion, empathy and understanding of the world around them.

## ***Daily Give***

Garbage clean up to support the environment and local wildlife.

## ***Grade Level***

Elementary K- 7

## ***Tools***

### **Video**

Plastic Planet - Shopping with a purpose

Please see this link - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=73sGgmZoMBQ>

## ***Materials***

- 4 garbage bags (preferably biodegradable or reused plastic bags)
- Writing journal

## ***Curriculum Framing Questions***

On a white board or flip chart, write responses to the following guiding questions.

- Why is it important to pick up garbage?
- What animals are affected by the garbage near waterways (ocean, rivers, lakes)?
- What animals are affected by garbage in parks, forests and your own backyard or school ground?
- How does garbage affect our planet?
- How does garbage affect people?
- What type of items can be recycled?



## **Procedure**

- Plan one day where your class will go outside to pick up garbage. This can include the school ground, local park / beach or somewhere in the community.
- Ask students to remember 5 pieces of garbage they collect on your walking trip.
- Choose 4 – 5 students to be in charge of carrying the garbage bags.
- Spend 30 – 60 minutes picking up garbage.
- Return to the school with your garbage.
- Is there any garbage in the bags that can be recycled? (paper, plastic, cans etc.) If yes, sort and dispose of accordingly.
- Ask students to record, in their journals, 5 items they picked up during the clean up. These can be recorded with words or pictures based on the grade.
- Have each student present 1 item that stood out to and highlight what impact it can have on an animal, human or the planet.

## **Curriculum Subjects**

Writing, English Language Arts, Health and Career, Visual Arts

## **Prescribed Learning Outcomes**

Thinking, Communication, Personal & Social



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