

# Garbage vs Recycle Centre



Topic: Waste  
Grade: Kindergarten  
Duration: 15 – 30 minutes

*Students will practise with models of what can be recycled, composted and what is garbage.*

## **Curriculum Expectations**

- Ks16: Demonstrate awareness of the need for recycling
- Km8: Sort and classify objects into sets according to specific characteristics, and describe those characteristics (e.g., colour, size, shape)
- Kp28: Demonstrate consideration for others by helping them (e.g., assist with clean-ups; help to care for materials)
- Kp29: Share responsibility for planning classroom events and activities
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## **Background Information**

It is easy to learn how recycling works and how each student can help. What is the blue box program? Start a campaign for “recycling day”, not “garbage day”. Should we think more about recycling and reusing rather than making garbage? At the house centre, have a blue box and a composter available to be added to the play theme.

## **Accountability**

Students will know how to recycle and help the environment. Students will try to keep the play area clean and remember which type of recycling goes where.

## **Teacher Notes**

1. Materials: samples of the following could be in the house centre: aluminium cans, foil, cardboard boxes, computer paper, glass bottles and jars, magazines, newspapers, plastic grocery bags, plastic bottles and tubs, foam containers, telephone books, models of fruit and vegetable scraps, blue and green boxes.
2. Bring in samples of what types of recycling can be done in your area and ask students if they have seen these types of things at home.
3. Make the class aware that not all these garbage pieces are garbage; some can be recycled.
4. Pictures can be added on the side of the boxes to help remind students of what goes where.
5. Clean up the area after playtime can include the recycle aspect of the centre.
6. Talk about how much space is saved in a garbage can if all these items are recycled.

## **Home Extension**

Check blue boxes and garbage for what can be recycled instead. Discuss with their parents what they can do to help the house on recycling day not garbage day.