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The **Keep Austin Beautiful Generation Zero Waste Digital Toolkit** is a tool for educators to utilize as an extension to the Generation Zero Waste in-classroom programming, and as a resource for helpful ways to divert waste from the landfill. We hope that you and your students enjoy these resources as a way to further your ability to be the best Waste-Free leaders in Austin!

RECYCLING AND REUSE RESOURCES

Austin Resource Recovery: A resource for all things recycling, composting, and waste from the City of Austin.

[Single Stream Recycling Resource](#)

[Curbside Composting Collection Resource](#)

[At-home Composting Resource](#)

[Fix-It Clinics](#)

What Do I Do With: The City of Austin's guide for community members to find out what to do with unwanted items.

Recycle and Reuse Drop Off Center (RRDOC): **FREE** recycling drop-off for hard-to-recycle items, including Styrofoam, hazardous waste, electronics, soft plastics, yard trimmings and more. Other services you may find useful at the center:

ReUse Store: A **FREE** store for Austin residents to pick up items that other community members have dropped off that are in working condition.

Austin ReBlend: **FREE** recycled paint made from paint that has been dropped off at the center.

Austin Creative Reuse: Collects, distributes, and sells reusable materials and items from organizations, businesses, and individuals.

Zero Waste Block Leader: Become a zero-waste leader and share the word about recycling and composting in your neighborhood.

Christmas Tree Recycling: Recycle your tree for **FREE**, right here in Austin.



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ONLINE RESOURCES

Litterati (App)

Identify and map the litter around you.

Turn this into a scavenger hunt by having students come up with a list of items they think would be most commonly found on the school's campus. Reward the student who collects the most items.

Don't forget to talk to students about safety when encouraging litter cleanups!

City of Austin Recycling Game

A resource for practicing how to properly sort waste items.

Landfill and Recycling Tours (Virtual)

Tours available depending on the age group of your students.

Virtual Tour of Texas Disposal Systems (TDS)

TDS is the company that collects trash, recycling and composting from AISD schools.

Overview: Tour of the facility.

Landfill/Compost Tour: A more in-depth tour of landfill and compost facilities, and the exotic game ranch onsite.

Materials Recovery Facility Tour: A more detailed tour of the MRF.

Balcones Recycling Center Tour

A virtual tour of another MRF in the North Austin area



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RESOURCES FOR EDUCATORS

[Bright Green Future School Grant](#)

[Sustainable Intelligence Program](#) (Provided through EcoRise)

[Children & Nature Network](#): Research library with over 900 articles supporting education in nature.

[Hornsby Bend](#): Great place to take students on a **FREE** field trip.



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KEEP AUSTIN BEAUTIFUL INTERACTIVE VIDEOS

Diversion Dash: Practice sorting your waste at home.

Ready to Recycle: Learn about 'special recycling' items and where you can take them in the City of Austin.

Compost Critters: Learn about composting and the critters that help make it all happen.

KEEP AUSTIN BEAUTIFUL EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

Upcycled Dog Toys: Connect creativity and the City of Austin's Zero Waste goal by having students create dog toys out of old t-shirts.

Can Planter: Connect creativity and the City of Austin's Zero Waste goal by having students create flower pots out of used aluminum cans.

Litter Lifeline: Learn how long it takes for common items to decompose in our environment.

Landfill Logic: Compare and contrast characteristics of waste, what's in our trash, and how trash is processed in a landfill while building a mini landfill model.

Waste Audit: Perform an audit of your school's waste/recycling to learn about types of waste generated. Students will audit several bags of waste, record and graph the results, learn how to recycle correctly, and formulate a plan to do a service project concerning waste at school.

Watershed Model: Find the watershed you live in, identify pollutants that affect it, and how you can take action to protect it

Here is a link to our [FREE activity kits](#).