



Ridge Meadows Recycling Waste Reduction Challenge

Sparks, Brownies, & Beaver Scouts Badge Requirements



1. Invite Ridge Meadows Recycling's Environmental Educator, Dan Mikolay, to visit your group. He will teach you all about the 3 Rs (Reduce, Reuse, & Recycle) as well as play a fun game and help you complete a worksheet to help you get your special badge. He will also give you some handouts to take home, including an overview of Ridge Meadows Recycling, a flyer showing what goes into each recycling bag, and an A to Z list of things to bring to the Maple Ridge Recycling Depot!
2. **At Home:**
 - a) Learn when your family's recycling pickup day is.
The day before your recycling day, properly sort your family's recycling into the different coloured bags and blue box using the sort flyer as a guide.
On recycling day, with your parents' help, set out the full recycling bags **before 7:00am**
 - b) Make something useful out of something that would otherwise be thrown away. Get creative!
Bring it to your next meeting and share your creation with the rest of the group.
3. **At Your Next Meeting:**
 - a) Bring your reuse creation to the meeting and share it with the rest of your group.
 - b) Save up & bring a bunch of empty toilet paper rolls to your next meeting. Pool them together and see what you can build!

Notes:

The worksheet will cover and reinforce how to sort your recycling in Maple Ridge, composting, litterless lunches, and more.

RMRS Badge Requirements:

do not fulfill anything specific from **Sparks' "In My Community" badge – are there others that would be a better fit?*

will fulfill **Brownies' "Celebrate Earth Day" badge requirement #4B, "Reduce, Recycle, Reuse" badge requirements #5A, 5B, 5C, & 5D & "Terrific Trash" Key to the Living World Interest Badge.*



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Guides & Cub Scouts Badge Requirements



1. Invite Ridge Meadows Recycling's Environmental Educator, Dan Mikolay, to visit your group. He will teach you all about the 3 Rs (Reduce, Reuse, & Recycle) as well as play a fun game and help you complete a worksheet to help you get your special badge. He will also give you some handouts to take home, including an overview of Ridge Meadows Recycling, a flyer showing what goes into each recycling bag, and an A to Z list of things to bring to the Maple Ridge Recycling Depot!

2. **At Home:**
 - a) Learn when your family's recycling pickup day is.
The day before your recycling day, properly sort your family's recycling into the different coloured bags and blue box using the sort flyer as a guide.
On your recycling day, set out the full recycling bags **before 7:00am**
Do this for a minimum of three weeks.
 - b) Reduce your water usage by turning off the tap water when you're brushing your teeth, washing your hands, or washing dishes.
 - c) Reduce your energy usage by turning out lights when you're not using them or not in the room and putting on a sweater or slippers instead of turning up the heat.
 - d) Gather items to create a litterless lunchkit. Use your lunchkit for at least a week to bring a garbage-free lunch to school.
 - e) Collect old or unused toys, books, & clothes and donate them to a local thrift or second-hand store.

3. **At Your Next Meeting:**

Show your group the items in your litterless lunch kit and talk about what some of the challenges were in keeping your lunch litter-free.

Notes:

The worksheet will cover and reinforce how to sort your recycling in Maple Ridge, composting, litterless lunches, water and energy conservation tips, and more.

RMRS Badge Requirements:

will fulfill **Guides' "Recycling" badge requirements #1, 2, 3, 4, & 7 (part 2)*

will fulfill **Cub Scouts' "Recycling Badge" requirements #A1, A3, B3, B7, C5, & C8 and preps for requirements #A4, A5, A6, A7 & C9. Also contributes to Climate Change Challenge Crest Requirements.*



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Pathfinders & Scouts Badge Requirements



1. Invite Ridge Meadows Recycling's Environmental Educator, Dan Mikolay, to visit your group. He will give you an overview of how recycling works in Maple Ridge and talk about your ecological footprint. He will also give you some handouts to take home, including an overview of Ridge Meadows Recycling, a flyer showing what goes into each recycling bag, and an A to Z list of things to bring to the Maple Ridge Recycling Depot.

2. **At Home:**
 - a) Learn when your family's recycling pickup day is.
The day before your recycling day, properly sort your family's recycling into the different coloured bags and blue box using the sort flyer as a guide.
On recycling day, with your parents' help, set out the full recycling bags **before 7:00am**
Do this for a minimum of three weeks.
 - b) Reduce your water usage by turning off the tap water when you're brushing your teeth, washing your hands, or washing dishes.
 - c) Reduce your energy usage by turning out lights when you're not using them or not in the room and putting on a sweater or slippers instead of turning up the heat.
 - d) Gather items to create a litterless lunchkit. Use your lunchkit for at least two weeks to bring a garbage-free lunch to school.
 - e) Watch "The Story of Stuff" online
 - f) Gather at least 5 different items from the "A to Z" list from your house and bring them to the Recycling Depot to recycle when you go on your tour.

3. Book a tour of the Maple Ridge Recycling Depot with Ridge Meadows Recycling's Environmental Educator, Dan Mikolay. Learn about the recycling process and what happens to your recyclables once they're picked up from your house. *Also bring your "A to Z" list items for recycling!

4. **At Your Next Meeting:**
 - a) Together, fill in the questionnaire about "The Story of Stuff" and talk about what you learned.
 - b) Learn about when Celebrate Earth Day in Maple Ridge 2015 will be and decide how your group will be involved (eg. volunteer, create a display or booth, provide entertainment or an activity)

Notes:

Worksheet will cover litterless lunches, recycling stewardship programs in BC, energy & water conservation.

RMRS Badge Requirements:

will contribute to **Pathfinders' "Our Environment" badge requirements #1, 3, & 4*

will fulfill **Scouts' "Recycling Badge" requirement #3A and contribute to requirements #1, 2, & 3B and will fulfill Climate Change Challenge #4(i) and contribute to #2, 4(iv), & 4(vi)*