



WASTE DEEP Extensions & Resources

Extension Activities

Waste Deep can be a springboard for conversations, advocacy, and action on waste-related topics beyond this class period and beyond the school walls.

- Students can generate their own card to add to the set, based upon independent research or their life experiences and observations.
- Take a field trip to one of these facilities to learn more about NYC waste:
 - Sims Metal Management (Sunset Park, Brooklyn)
 - Pratt Industries Paper Mill (Staten Island)
 - Freshkills Park (Staten Island)
 - Newtown Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant (Greenpoint, Brooklyn)
 - Sure We Can (Bushwick, Brooklyn)
 - Lower East Side Ecology Center (East Village, Manhattan)
 - A waste transfer station in your neighborhood
 - A community garden or urban farm in your neighborhood with a compost system

Additional Resources

Articles and Websites

- [Waste Journeys \(Open House NY\)](#)
- [Is It Possible for New York City to Have Zero Waste?](#)
- [Freshkills: Landfill-to-Park Timeline](#)
- [5 Parts of NYC Built on Garbage](#)
- [More Than Half of New Yorker's Recyclables Go in the Trash](#)
- [Life Near a Landfill: The Towns and People Who End up with NYC's Trash](#)
- [What Could Disappear?](#)
- [Environmental Justice Atlas](#)

Videos

- [Sims Recycling Profile](#)
- [Our Deep-Sea Garbage Dump](#)
- [Where Does New York City's Trash Go?](#)
- [The Junk Food Truck](#)

Lesson Plans

- Environmental Justice Lessons ([Teaching Tolerance](#))
 - [Middle School](#)
 - [High School](#)
 - [Progressive City Planners](#)
- [Buy, Use, Toss? A Closer Look at the Things We Buy](#) (Facing the Future)
- [Climate Choices](#) (NAAEE)
- Lesson from The Learning Network (The New York Times)
 - [Do You Ever Feel Guilty about What, or How Much, You Throw Away?](#)
 - [How Do You Try to Reduce Your Impact on the Environment?](#)
 - [Plastic Pleas](#)
 - [Talking Trash About the Oceans](#)
 - [Floating Flotsam: Studying the Causes and Effects of the Pacific Garbage Patch](#)
 - [Bottled Water or Tap: How Much Does Your Choice Matter?](#)
 - [Reduce, Reuse, Recycle](#)
- [STEM Gowanus Urban Ecology Curriculum](#) (Gowanus Canal Conservancy)

For more information about school recycling, visit:

- [Recycling Champions, GrowNYC](#)
- [Office of Sustainability, Division of School Facilities, DOE](#)
- [Schools Division, Bureau of Recycling and Sustainability, NYC Department of Sanitation](#)