

## **Offerings for Educators**

In addition to its regularly scheduled public hours, the Trash Museum in Hartford, CT offers programs and outreach for school and home-school groups. Below are brief descriptions of their offerings; for more detail, visit their web site or call 860-757-7765 to speak with an educator.

- CRRA closed-circuit TV web feed shows the workings of the plant in real time (educator login info below). USERNAME: admin PASSWORD: 123456
- Field trips offer a guided, interactive exploration of the Trash Museum and all aspects of waste management, a chance to view the working recycling center, and a hands-on, topic-specific activity of your choice (60-90 minutes, \$100 per group up to 30 students).
- Outreach programs bring Trash Museum educators to your school, to increase recycling awareness and skills through fun, participatory, age-appropriate activities. (20-45 minutes, \$100 for up to 50 students).
- Activity kits are low-cost ways to bring Trash Museum know-how into your classroom. Kits include all materials needed, instructions, lesson plans, enrichment activities, fun facts, on-line tools, website suggestions and Power Point slide shows. Rentals are for 2 weeks, \$25 per kit.

Composting has A-Peel (PK-Adult): This kit includes a small indoor compost bin with worms, books about worm composting, and instructions. Take care of red wiggler worms and watch them turn organic waste, like paper and food scraps, into something the Earth can really use!

Trash Detectives (K-3) In this hands-on activity, participants sort a big bag of items provided in the kit — is it recyclable, reusable or "truly trash?"

Recycling Hits the Runway (Gr. 4 and up) Have a "trashion show" with recycled clothes and accessories, from a rubber tie to a Tyvek shirt and a fleece purse. Participants can model clothes provided in the kit, write a script, or help research background information.

Recycle Match Kit (Gr. 4 and up) Test your recycling I.Q. by trying to match a new product (like a toothbrush, pencil, slinky or marble) with its recycled source.

