

Eddie's Litterless Road Tour

A Teacher's Resource

Thank you for inviting Eddie into your classroom and we hope you enjoyed *Eddie's Litterless Road Tour!* Waste diversion can be a confusing topic for young age groups but we hope that through our creative methods you will have an opportunity to help the children make a connection between litter and their actions.

The presentation and the resource materials are curriculum aligned in most provinces and territories for the primary grades.

It is recommended that this guide be used as soon as possible to ensure the presentation material is still fresh in their minds. Within it are some fun ways you can get your students thinking about waste diversion and how they can help. There are reproducible pages that may be copied for education purposes. If you have any comments or questions about the presentation or resource please contact EnviroEd at Clean: EnviroEd@clean.ns.ca

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Activity 1 - Eddie's Litter Quiz

Clean Option: Instead of printing this quiz, read it aloud to students and tally their response!

1. When you see litter on the ground, do you?
 - a. Kick it into a bush so you can't see it anymore
 - b. Pick it up and put it in the garbage can
 - c. Add more garbage to the pile
2. If you see your friend litter garbage on the ground, do you:
 - a. Ask them to pick it up
 - b. Say nothing and leave the garbage on the ground
 - c. Throw more garbage on the ground
3. Which of these things should you throw out the car window?
 - a. Gum
 - b. Tissue
 - c. Juice Bottle
 - d. Nothing should be thrown out the car window
4. The three R's are:
 - a. Red, Rainbow, and Raincoat
 - b. Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle
 - c. Run, Ride, and Roll
5. True or False
A plastic bag in the water looks like a tasty jellyfish to a sea turtle.
6. True or False
A balloon that floats away into the sky will keep floating into outer space.
7. True or False
Throwing gum on the ground is not really littering because a piece of gum is so small, it can't really hurt anything.
8. True or False
If I out plastic bottles in the blue bag for recycling instead of putting them in the garbage or throwing them on the ground, they can be made into something new, like a warm jacket or even a reusable bag!

Activity 2 - Be 'Super' and Write to Eddie!

Eddie loves to receive mail! *And he loves to send mail too*, especially special surprises!

Have students write or draw Eddie a letter about how they can be environmental super heroes and let him know how you feel about litter. This can be done as a whole class or as individual student letters, and make great literacy assessments!

Letters can be mailed **Attn: Eddie the Superhero Cat**
Clean Foundation, 126 Portland Street, Dartmouth NS, B2Y 1H8.

Please remember to include a return mailing address (and teacher name) so that Eddie can send students back their special surprise!

Activity 3 – Host a School Yard or Community Clean-up!

Plan a school yard clean up with your class and if your school yard is already wonderfully spotless, perhaps you can clean up another area of your school community. Asks students to make a list of supplies that they need, help them think through the process of what will happen, what they might encounter and what they will need for the clean up.

Between April and July, you are able to register for the Great Nova Scotia Pick-Me-Up with Clean Foundation. Go online to www.clean.ns.ca to register and Clean will provide all of the necessary materials and information required... and students will be contributing to province wide research on waste!

Activity 4 – Litter Less Campaign

Discuss with your class the kinds of messages they could give to other people to help them prevent litter. What actions can students take individually and collectively in their home, school and community to eliminate and prevent litter?

Ask students to think up or to research catchy slogans, phrases and/or images that are meant to remind people to prevent littering. Then, have students come up with their own “campaigns”.

Students can draw campaign posters and put them up for display in the classroom.

Activity 5 – Laws Against Litter

Does your classroom or even your school have rules against littering? If they don't, ask students to make up a set of rules that your classroom will follow.

Every province and municipality has laws surrounding littering. Have older students research those laws and answer some questions: What are they laws? Are there fines?

Activity 6 – Practice Good Sorting

There are great activities out there that help students learn how to better sort their waste.

Divert NS has Waste Educators in every region that would be happy to help teach your students about proper sorting.

Additionally, the Mi'kmaw Conservation Group has developed a great online game on waste-sorting. <http://www.mikmawconservation.ca/kids-corner/waste-sorting/>

Activity 7 – Map the School

Using a map of the school and or the school property, take your class on a walk around the school and the playground. Have students identify where current litter receptacles are located and areas where the majority of litter is found. Have students mark these locations on their map.

Discuss whether they think the system in place is working or whether it needs improvements. Have them indicate on their maps where additional litter receptacles could be placed to help ensure litter does not end up on the ground.

Activity 8 - Sing with Eddie

Thank you for learning about keeping our Earth clean and why it's so important not to litter!

Never litter, never litter, if you do, you'll hurt a critter!

Listen to the music from Eddie's shows at
www.clean.ns.ca/youth-engagement/eddies-road-tours

We are always developing exciting new programs here at Clean. Our newest program elementary age students is **Eddie's Waste-Less Lunch Challenge**. It is a month long extension of **Eddie's Litterless Road Tour**, our award winning original puppet show. It takes students on a journey to help our Earth through classroom initiatives and extra visits from Eddie brings and some of his new friends.

The original **Eddie's Litterless Road Tour** (litter and waste abatement) was followed by **Eddie's Dripless Road Tour** (water conservation), **Eddie and the Air Out There** (air quality, renewable energy), and most recently **Eddie's Waste-Less Lunch Challenge**.

And Eddie has gone digital too!
In 2016 Eddie launched his first curriculum aligned video game with the support of Nova Scotia Environment. It is geared towards 4-8 year olds and is based on his air road tour:
Eddie and the Air Out There.

It is called **EnviroEddie:Air** and can be found at
www.clean.ns.ca/Super-Eddie-Games or it can be found on the iOS App store or the Google Play store, just search for
EnviroEddie:Air!

We have great programming on all sorts of environmental and sustainability topics for Primary through Senior students across Nova Scotia!

If you would like information on receiving any of our programming, please contact us!
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