

East Valley Recycling Alliance

PRESENTS

"Bench the Bag"

RECYCLE PLASTIC BAGS. SAVE THE ENVIRONMENT. WIN A BENCH.

This contest is open to elementary schools in Chandler. The dead line for enrollment is Friday, February 5, 2016 The contest will run from February 8 through March 3, 2016. All participating schools will receive a planter made from recycled plastic. The winning school will receive a bench made from recycled plastic lumber. Winners will be announced during Earth month in April 2016. Winning school is the school with the most pounds of plastic bags per student.

Get Signed Up!

Scan and e-mail this filled out form to: traci.conaway@chandleraz.gov

OR Fax to 480-782-3520

School Name: _____ School Address: _____

Total Elementary Student Enrollment on 100th day of School: _____

Contest Contact Representative First Name: _____ Last name: _____

Contest Contact Representative e-mail _____@_____ Phone # _____

Know the Rules

- The following types of SOFT plastics will be accepted:
 - Grocery bags / dry cleaning bags / bread bags / department store bags / shrink wrap from food/beverages
- All bags should be free of liquid or food residue
- NO RECEIPTS should be left in the bags. Recycle receipts elsewhere. They contaminate the batch!
- Roll up the plastic bags into a ball before placing in the collection bag
- Obvious looting of merchants for harvesting of bags will not be accepted and may result in the disqualification of your school. The only bags submitted should be bags that were actually used.

Collecting the Plastic bags

- Check your school collection container regularly to ensure bags are clean and free of debris
- Check that bags are used and not new. The goal is to keep used bags out of the recycle and trash, not to collect new plastic bags from grocers or other businesses
- Place bags in large trash bags provided. Clearly label each bag with your school name. Use a permanent marker and WRITE ON BAGS. DO NOT tape paper with your school name onto bags.
- Designate a collection crew or individual to regularly take the bags to area at front of school on Thursday mornings by 10 AM

Ensure Your Success

- Display flyers announcing the collection drive in prominent places, include in weekly newsletter to parents.
- Share the reason for the contest – keep plastic bags and wrap out of trash and recycling bins!
- Set collection goals for the number of plastic bags collected
- Select a convenient location and process for bag collections; make sure bags are kept in secure area
- Promote through regular morning announcements. Let students and parent know your tally.
- Encourage families to recycle plastic bags and wrap at local grocers after the contest ends