



A Waste Awareness Installation

PROJECT RESEARCH

GOAL: Find out what Americans throw out needlessly, what the environmental consequences are and what are some alternatives to waste.

RESEARCH SOURCES

Internet

- GPEN.org - The Greater Philly Environmental Network (Internet resource for "All Things Environmental" in the Philadelphia region). Sherry Riesner, Founder and Director, Sherry@GPEN.org
- Earth911.com – recycling education
- YouTube Video: "Trash Picking Finds"
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RNE2QLk6LaQ&feature=related>
- YouTube Video: "Trash Pick Finds"
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pkWQctMqeJU&feature=related>

Environmental Education Organizations

- Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education
8480 Hagy's Mill Road, Philadelphia, PA 19128
TEL: 215-482-7300
scee@schuylkillcenter.org
www.schuylkillcenter.org
- Clean Air Council
135 South 19th St., Suite 300, Philadelphia PA, 19103
TEL: 215-567-4004. FAX: 215-567-5791
www.cleanair.org
- EarthForce (Philadelphia office)
1301 N. 2nd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19122
TEL: 215-884-9888
Vera Figueiredo, Director of Community Partnerships
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www.earthforce.org

Waste Management Companies

- Terracycle
121 New York Ave., Trenton, NJ 08638
TOLL FREE: 866-967-6766.. FAX: 609.393.4259
customersupport@terracycle.net
<http://www.terracycle.net/>
- Blue Mountain Recycling
2904 Ellsworth Street, Philadelphia, PA 19146-2713
TEL: 215-462-7372. FAX: 215-462-7374
www.bluemountainrecycling.com
- Waste Management
TOLL FREE: (877) 680 6971
www.wm.com
- Global Waste
561 W Roosevelt Blvd., Philadelphia, PA 19120
TEL: 215-914-0509. TOLL FREE: 877-914-0509. FAX: 215-455-3300
info@globalwastellc.com
www.globalwastellc.com
- AAAA Hauling & Clean Out Services
5275 Swamp Road, Fountainville, PA 18923-9609
TEL: 215-345-0946

Government Agencies and Nonprofit Organizations

- City of Philadelphia Department of Streets
7th Floor, Municipal Services Building, Philadelphia, PA 19102-1676
TEL: 215-686-5560. Recycling Information: 215-685-RECYCLE (7329)
www.phila.gov/streets
- Greater Philadelphia Commercial Recycling Council
7366 Rural Lane, Philadelphia, PA 19119-4108
TEL: 215-247-3090
David Biddle, Executive Director, dbiddle@gpcrc.com
www.greenworks.tv/gpcrc/index.asp
- Mid-Atlantic Environmental Protection Agency
TEL: 215-814-5000. TOLL FREE: 800-438-2474
www.epa.gov

How to Do a Community Survey

1. Determine the purpose of your survey. What you want find out about the survey respondents? ie: what do people routinely throw away?
2. Write questions that will inform you about the respondents' behaviors, attitudes and knowledge of the survey topic. Your questions may be multiple choice or open ended (cannot be answered with a simple "yes" or "no"), but all the questions on the survey should follow the same format.

ie: Multiple Choice (also called closed-ended)

How often do you throw away unwanted clothing? (select one)

- All the time
- Occasionally
- Never

ie Open Ended

How often do you throw away unwanted clothing?

- Respondent answers in his own words

3. Use language that is natural and familiar to the respondents.
4. Conduct your survey in-person or using free on-line survey sites such as kwiksurveys.com or zoomerang.com
5. Make sure your survey does not take more than 3-5 minutes to complete.
6. Survey a broad population of people (family, friends neighbors, classmates) - not just people your age or people in your class. Survey people of different gender, religious, age, geographic, economic and ethnic groups.
7. Analyze and report your results. Who was your audience? What were the major findings? Were there any unified responses amongst respondents of similar gender, religious, age, geographic, economic or ethnic groups? What other trends can you see?

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