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Bristol Public Works Department Teaches Bristol Students the Three Rs: Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle

BRISTOL, CONN., April 24, 2019 –The Bristol Public Works Department in partnership with Take 2 Inc. conducted workshops in the Bristol elementary schools. The workshops were presented to all third grades in the City and consisted of all things recycling. Lindsey Rivers, Public Works Analyst coordinated the workshops with Take 2 Inc. and the Board of Education. David Oakes, Facilities Manager along with Lindsey presented information to the students to teach them the proper ways to recycle household items, how to compost, and reuse everyday items in order to reduce what goes into the waste stream. Students were given reusable produce bags to take home with them along with information about how to reduce, reuse, and recycle.

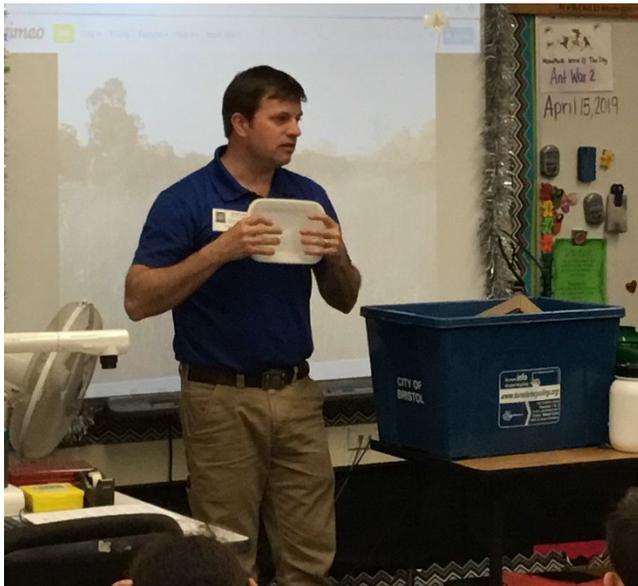
“It is very important to teach our young children the importance of taking care of the earth. Our goal at Public Works is to have our children think: reduce, reuse, and recycle wherever possible,” stated Lindsey Rivers, Public Works Analyst

The Public Works Department, the Board of Education, and Simple Recycling have also teamed up to create a pilot program to keep unwanted clothing and textiles out of the waste stream. All elementary schools in the City of Bristol were provided orange bags for students to take home. During the months of April and May for every ton of clothing collected \$20.00 will be given back to the schools. Once the bags are full, residents are asked to place them next to the recycle bins on their regular recycle day and Simple Recycling will pick them up.

For those residents who want to participate in this program, but don’t have children in the school system or if you need extra bags you can obtain them at the Public Works Department located on the ground floor in City Hall at 111 North Main Street.

“With the opportunity to reduce, re-use and repurpose, citizens and kids are helping us save money on our trash and recycling disposal fees,” stated Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu. “The City receives an annual grant from Covanta to fund these public outreach activities to increase awareness and interest people in the environmental aspects of how the City handles recycling efforts.”

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Workshops were held at all Bristol elementary schools to teach Bristol students the importance of recycling.

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About the Public Works Department. *The Public Works Department endeavors to preserve and enhance the social and environmental quality of life in the City of Bristol. This is accomplished through the delivery of services designed to safeguard the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens and to maintain and improve the city's infrastructure in an effective, efficient, and professional manner. The Department of Public Works is under the policy direction of the Board of Public Works. By Charter, the mayor is the chairperson. The mayor appoints three council persons for their terms of office, and three private citizens are appointed for three years in staggered terms. For more information, visit www.bristolct.gov*