



FREE

Environmental Education Programs for Schools



Offered by **Keep Gastonia Beautiful**

Hands-on, standards based learning – brought right to your classroom.
Serving all Gaston County Public, Private, and Charter Schools

First Semester (Fall)



K: Sea Turtle Survival



1: Hands on Dirt



2: Eyes on Weather



3: Tree Identification



4: Pollinator Adaptations



5: Vermicomposting (adopt a classroom worm compost bin)

Second Semester (Spring)



K: Super Trees



1: Earth Magic



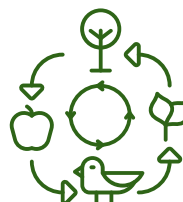
2: Recycle Jams



3: Waste Detectives



4: Wanderin' About Watersheds



5: Wrapping up the Food Web

Reserve your spot early – limited availability.
Learn more: <https://www.gastonianc.gov/school-resources.html>

Keep Gastonia Beautiful



Scan the QR code to visit our website and explore detailed descriptions of all our educational programs.



Ready to schedule a program? Scan the QR code to access our online sign-up form.



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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR SCHOOLS

Field Trip Stopovers

Extend your field trip with a visit to one of our self-guided educational experiences!

StoryWalk® at Rankin Lake Park

Begin your journey at the boathouse and follow the short, paved path to the pavilions while enjoying a featured environmentally themed children's book. The StoryWalk® combines reading, movement, and nature for a fun learning experience.

Chronolog Time-Lapse Stations

Explore our Chronolog stations to see how local landscapes change over time. Visit one at the Rankin Lake Park bridge between the parking lots, and another along the Avon Creek Greenway near Lineberger Park.



Check Out Curriculum Kits

Looking to enrich your science curriculum?

Keep Gastonia Beautiful offers free curriculum kits filled with lesson plans, hands-on activities, and educational materials to make environmental learning fun and engaging.

Our curriculum kits are available for educators to check out and currently include:

- The Incredible Journey Water Cycle Game
- Common Waters
- Litter Cleanup

To reserve a curriculum kit or learn more about availability, please contact us.

Black Gold Compost

Keep Gastonia Beautiful offers Black Gold Compost to schools with existing school gardens or those looking to beautify their campus through landscaping and planting projects.

- **Available:** April-May and September-October
- **Pickup Only:** Delivery is not available.

To request Black Gold Compost or learn more, contact rebecca.brannon@gastonianc.gov.



Recycled Tennis Balls

Through our partnership with the Gastonia Racquet Club, Keep Gastonia Beautiful collects and redistributes gently used tennis balls to local schools. Tennis balls are a simple solution for reducing classroom noise by placing them on the bottoms of desks and chairs. To request tennis balls, email rebecca.brannon@gastonianc.gov with your school name and the quantity of tennis balls needed.

