

Environmental Services Outreach

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A monthly insight into reduce, reuse, recycle programs in the Town of Gilbert.

The review

Bench the Bag ~2015~

Gilbert's 2nd Annual soft plastic collection awareness drive will run from February 9th through March 6, 2015. The contest is extended to elementary schools who enroll K-6th grades only. All schools must subscribe to Town of Gilbert waste hauling services at the time of registration to be eligible to participate. Only one [registration form](#) per school will be accepted. Complete details can be found on our [website](#).

Tell us what you're thankful for...

There are so many things to be thankful for, and so many ways to say it!

That's the idea behind our new classroom contest. As we approach the holiday season, the Outreach Team would like to hear from you and your class, what you are thankful for. You can do this in what ever way you feel best conveys that message, so long as recycling is incorporated. You decide what medium to use, be it video, poster, story, poem, pictures, etc. Let your students' imagination take over. Contest runs from Nov. 1st thru Nov. 21st. All entries may be scanned or emailed. For those entries that cannot be e-mailed or scanned, please contact us at recycle@gilbertaz.gov or call 480-503-6459. The winning entry will be chosen by the Outreach Team and will be announced in the December newsletter!



All students in the winning class will receive an awesome sustainability related goodie-bag and the winning teacher will receive exciting supplies for your classroom!

"There is no happier person than a truly thankful person."

Joyce Meyer



America Recycles Day

This year the Town of Gilbert Recycling Education and Outreach team will be at the [Gilbert Farmers Market](#), Saturday November 15. Stop by our booth between 8 a.m. and 12 p.m., make a recycled birdfeeder, give our Wheel of Waste a spin, and you may win a sustainability themed prize! We will have information and handouts on recycling in your town. Mark your calendar, spend your America Recycles Day supporting local businesses and learning what you can do for our environment!

And the award goes to...

The Recycling Education & Outreach team is proud to announce, **Oak Tree Elementary** as the winner of the prestigious state School Excellence in Recycling Award at the Arizona Recycling Coalition's Annual Conference! This year the conference was held in Gilbert. It was the perfect opportunity to showcase what East Valley schools are achieving in sustainability. Oak Tree not only participated in the 2013-2014 kitchen and cafeteria recycling pilots, but also created a beautiful textile display piece for the Recycling Art Can competition. Oak Tree also did a stellar job competing in Bench the Bag, and began their own school garden with beds for each grade level. We are happy to promote such an eco-friendly school and are inspired by all of their accomplishments in only one school year. Congratulations, Eagles, your hard work has made you a standout in Arizona's School Recycling programs!

