

## Environmental Services Outreach

4760 S. Greenfield Road  
Gilbert, AZ 85297  
480-503-6459  
[recycle@gilbertaz.gov](mailto:recycle@gilbertaz.gov)  
Tues.-Fri. 7:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

APRIL  
2015



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

# The review

## What's happening?

### BENCH THE BAG 2015

We did it! Bench the Bag 2015 is complete. Collecting almost 600,000 bags in 4 weeks is no easy task, for all your efforts give yourself a pat on the back! Now the big question: Who are the top contributors? Although in our eyes you are all winners, there can only be two. Without further delay...drum roll please...the GPS winner is GREENFIELD Elementary and the HUSD winner is POWER RANCH Elementary! Now we have one small request, we ask that you not tell the students of these two schools. There is a special presentation and guest presenter for them and the schools would like to keep this a surprise!

Lastly, there are so many people that helped behind the scenes with planning, execution, promotion, prizes, etc. (far too many to mention) but special thanks go to Bashas' and Trex, Co.! Most importantly, to the students who collected all the bags and all the amazing school coordinators who really got things together, great job! Until next year!

## Earth Month Contests

### HAVING FUN WHILE CELEBRATING OUR PLANET!

Earth Day is quickly approaching and we have been receiving a lot of inquiries from teachers for special projects or activities for their classrooms. We wanted to share a few creative opportunities with you!

#### *Town of Gilbert E.S. Art Calendar Contest*

Environmental Services Outreach is happy to announce its first art calendar contest! Open to 4th grade students in GPS and HUSD, the contest will run until April 27th. Students can pick a slogan from Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, or Gilbert Pride themes. The winners will be displayed in a calendar for 2016 and be recognized in a special ceremony.

For more information visit [gilbertrecycles.org](http://gilbertrecycles.org).

#### *Turf Mutt Backyard Superhero Essay Contest*

Scholastic is running an essay contest for school children grades K-5th. Superhero [Turf Mutt & the Outdoor Powers](#) are on a mission to teach students, their teachers, and families backyard science, including how to take better care of the green spaces around them. Can you help them save the planet one yard at a time? Entries are due April 13th.

#### *"Care for Trees-Trees Care for You" Poster Contest*

Please help demonstrate the importance of caring for trees through your unique and beautiful artwork! Arizona students grades K-12 are invited to enjoy this fun and educational opportunity. Poster artwork is due by April 15th and will be on display at the State Capitol Museum Rotunda during Arbor Week (April 20th-24th). Prizes will be mailed to award winners. For more details visit [Poster Contest 2015](#).

### IT'S NOT TOO LATE: GREEN IDEAS FOR APRIL!

You still have time to request a presentation, assembly, carnival, or end of the year blow out! Just visit [gilbertrecycles.org](http://gilbertrecycles.org) to request a visit from your friendly neighborhood Outreach Team! We are happy to do K-12 presentations and will work any current themes in the classroom into the talk.

This time of year can be stressful with testing so give your students a brain break by watching some cool, [Earth-friendly videos](#), browsing [sustainable websites](#), looking up some [thrifty DIY's](#), or taking a [virtual tour of a materials recovery facility](#). Celebrating the Earth doesn't have to be extravagant, even the smallest deeds help keep our planet happy! And, as always, don't forget to recycle!

*"A true conservationist is a man who knows that the world is not given by his fathers, but borrowed from his children."*

*John James Audubon*

