

Why Recycle?

It's the Law!

California State Law Assembly Bill 939 was passed in 1989 and requires all municipalities to reduce the amount of waste sent to landfills by 50% by the year 2000. If the City fails to make progress in meeting these goals, it could face fines of up to \$10,000 per day from the State of California.

And, Recycling is Good For Our Schools.

The average American creates four pounds of trash each day. That adds up to more than half a ton per person per year. Most of this trash piles up in landfills, where it can take hundreds of years to break down.

Now, more than ever, it is essential that the children in the City of Victorville learn the value of natural resources (including trash!) and the critical role that each of us plays in maintaining a sustainable City that is free of pollution.

You can make a difference by following the three R's—reduce, reuse, and recycle—at school. Recycling not only cuts down on the amount of trash going to landfills but also helps reduce air and water pollution. Recycling conserves energy, because it takes less energy to recycle than to make new products. Schools generally produce a great deal of recyclable waste, such as printer paper and drink containers. How does your school dispose of these items? If there isn't already a recycling program in place at your school, establish one.



Teachers, students, and parents can have a lot of fun getting involved in recycling programs and activities on campus. Schools can save money by reducing how much trash is being sent to the landfill and can raise funds by having a recycling drive for items like bottles & cans, newspaper, and cardboard. Victorville schools can also compete for cash awards by participating in Victorville Recycles Week each year.

For more information on how the City of Victorville can help you set up a recycling program at school, call the Recycling Program at (760) 955-8615.