

Dear Teacher,

Welcome to **Too Good To Throw Away!**, Tucson's recycling education program. **Too Good to Throw Away!** is designed for grades 1-2; classroom presentations are available for free to schools located within the Tucson city limits

The goals of Too Good to Throw Away! are:

1. To increase participation in recycling in Tucson (*Do More Blue!*).
2. To reduce recycling contamination (making sure non-recyclable items stay out of the Blue Barrels).
3. To provide engaging activities that meet Arizona Department of Education standards.
4. To instill an environmental ethic in students.

Too Good To Throw Away! is a three-part program that includes:

- A pre-visit activity.
- A 60-minute classroom visit from a presenter.
- Two post-visit activities.

In **Too Good To Throw Away!**, students become "Blue Sleuths" and learn what it means to Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle. They are also encouraged to "Rethink" what they throw away. They are introduced to four characters representing what we can recycle in Tucson: Paige Paper, Gabby Glass, Mike Metal, and Pete Plastic. These four characters also represent the natural resources that can be recycled again and again to create new products.

How to get the most out of Too Good To Throw Away!:

- Do the pre-visit activity with your students *before the classroom presentation.*
- Prepare for the presenter's visit:
 - Coordinate with other teachers to schedule several presentations in a row and reserve **one room** (classroom, library, MPR, etc.).
 - Have a table cleared for presentation materials, with floor space in front where the students can sit.
 - Review Teacher Background Information.
- Do the post-visit activities with your students *after the classroom presentation.*
- Use the "Extension Ideas" listed with the activities to explore how to make recycling an ongoing part of your classroom.

Thank you for teaching **Too Good To Throw Away!**. This program provides practical knowledge and skills that will help your students make intelligent decisions now and in the future!

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