



Working Together for a Healthy Environment

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Background

- OSW/Communications Services Branch
 - Strong Hispanic/multi-cultural program
 - Outreach products available in Spanish and English
 - Campaigns specifically targeted to the Hispanic community
 - Used Oil - “You Dump It, You Drink It”
 - Household Hazardous Waste –posters and brochure designed for service providers and their employers
 - Community-Based Organizations (CBO) outreach – materials for CBOs to offer to community members
- Now we are looking at developing specific materials for the Asian communities as well

Working Together for a Healthy Environment – A Guide for Multi-Cultural Community Groups

Why this publication?

- Communities can create cleaner, safer, healthier, and more economically viable places to live, work and play
- Message is simple:
 - Raise awareness about resource conservation
 - Promote good solid waste management: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
- As community leaders and activists, YOU are in the best position to deliver this message
- Guide provides you with the resources you need to hold these community events

The Guide – What it Includes

- Information on reducing, reusing and recycling waste
- Step by step instructions for organizing community events that promote the 3Rs of solid waste management
 - Tips on raising money
 - Tips on promoting your event
- Suggestions for successful workshops and kids' campaigns
- Sample letters to send to newspapers, radio stations, community leaders make your events significant “happenings”
- Other EPA publications and web links you can use to help enhance your community's knowledge of solid waste issues, increase environmental awareness, and inspire participation in your community event

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- *The Guide* is free—as are all EPA publications
- Download at
<http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/osw/docs/cbo-guide.pdf>
- Order online at
<http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/osw/publicat.htm>
- We can also provide camera-ready copy on CDs if you would like to print your own copies. Government publications are not copyrighted; you may print this document and add your own logo to it.

An Added Bonus... “Teach English, Teach About the Environment

- New publication designed to “Teach English, Teach About the Environment”
- For teachers of English to adult speakers of other languages
- Includes lesson plans at the beginner, intermediate and advanced levels as well as flash facts, picture files and a glossary
- Great resource for community organizations that sponsor/hold English classes
- Download at
 - <http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/education/pdfs/tesol.pdf>
- Order online at
 - <http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/osw/publicat.htm>
- You can also request camera-ready copy on a CD to print your own

We want to hear from you

- Contact us for further information and to let us know of your event.
 - Give us feedback on the CBO Guide and the TESOL Curriculum
 - We can provide you with information and herald your CBO event or use of the curriculum
 - Our goal is to distribute these documents broadly to key users
 - We are looking for partners to launch the TESOL Curriculum
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In conclusion....

- Remember: YOU can make a difference in your community.
- The time for action is NOW!

