

## SAMPLE EMAIL for WASTE SOLUTIONS

Dear [teacher name]:

We will be applying to be **teen teachers** in the TRY Waste Solutions program. TRY stands for Teens Reaching Youth and it is a **teen-led environmental education program** designed to teach environmental literacy and responsibility to younger youth.

As part of our application we are required to identify two classrooms that are willing to have us teach the TRY lessons between January 1 – May 26, 2023. **We are hoping that you would allow us to teach your students!**

Let us tell you a little bit about the TRY Waste Solutions program. The lessons are geared for students in **grades 1-3** and focus on the 3Rs (reduce, reuse, recycle), composting, and Vermont's Universal Recycling Law. There are **6 lessons**, approximately 1 hour each. The lessons have been designed to be engaging, educational and fun for students!

The six lessons, aligned with Next Generation Science Standards as well as support the Common Core Standards, are:

- What is Waste?
  - *Students will learn why it's important to reduce, reuse, recycle and compost.*
- Being Good Stewards
  - *Students will understand that products are made from natural resources and we need to use these resources wisely; to understand that humans must be good stewards of our Earth's natural resources by recycling and reusing as much as possible.*
- The Power of Choices
  - *Students will understand that reducing waste conserves resources, reduces what goes into the landfill, and is a way to be a good steward of the Earth.*
- Reuse Reimagined!
  - *Students will understand the importance of reusing materials and learn how different items can be reused.*
- Compost Circle
  - *To demonstrate through active play how composting works, specifically for food, while emphasizing the requirements of Vermont's Universal Recycling and Composting law.*
- My Waste Solutions!
  - *To identify action steps that students can take to reduce, reuse, recycle and compost in their lives at school, at home and in Vermont.*

Can we set up a time to discuss this further? Our application is due no later than November 7, 2022 so we would need a commitment from you before that date.

Thank you for your consideration!

[Your names and contact information]