



# Action Library

## EcoSchools Actions and Descriptions

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	<b>Anti-Idling</b> Breathe clean air and reduce air pollution by tackling vehicle idling at your school and in your community!
	<b>The Bondar Challenge</b> Take inspiration from the work of Dr. Roberta Bondar and get connected to nature through the lens of a camera!
	<b>Build Homes for Wildlife</b> Support wildlife populations by creating safe spaces they can nest, feed, and play.
	<b>Community Clean-Up</b> Remove litter from the environment, learn about proper waste sorting, and demonstrate the power of working together!
	<b>Community Science</b> Become a community scientist (also known as citizen scientist) and contribute to important environmental research projects from across Canada, and beyond!
	<b>Conduct a Waste Audit</b> Discover how much waste your school is producing so you can start reducing!
	<b>Create Your Own Action</b> Do you have a plan for an action that doesn't quite fit? Let us know all about it!
	<b>Earth Day</b> Earth Day is celebrated annually on April 22nd and is a great opportunity to take action for the environment!
	<b>EcoCode</b> An EcoCode is your school's environmental policy or mission statement that demonstrates your commitment to climate action.
	<b>Environmental Fair or Conference</b> Organize a day of environmental learning for your school or broader community.
	<b>Environmental Health</b> Learn about environmental health hazards and ways to protect yourself, your friends, your family, and the environment.
	<b>Environmental Literacy</b> Deepen environmental literacy by providing opportunities for all students at your school to learn IN, ABOUT, and FOR the environment.
	<b>Getting to Know Your EcoSchool</b> Help us get to know your school and EcoTeam this year!
	<b>GOOS Paper</b> Get creative and reduce paper use at your school by using GOOS (Good On One Side) paper bins throughout your school.
	<b>The Great Gulp</b> Take a synchronized gulp of tap water to raise awareness about drinking water and the importance of reducing single-use plastic waste!
	<b>Grow a Food Garden</b> Get your hands dirty, grow food for your community, and learn about plants and nutrition in an outdoor food garden.
	<b>Heating and Cooling</b> Optimize heating and cooling systems at your school through data collection, communication, and monitoring.
	<b>Indoor Gardening and Greenhouses</b> Bring gardening inside for hands-on, year-round learning about plants, food, and nutrition.
	<b>Low-mow Zone</b> Let a grassy area of your school grounds grow wild and start studying with nature!
	<b>Make the Switch</b> Make the switch to conserve energy by turning off lights, monitors, and other electronics when they are not in use!
	<b>Meatless Mondays</b> Reduce greenhouse gas emission by participating in Meatless Monday!
	<b>Phantom Power</b> Reduce your school's energy footprint by monitoring and unplugging your appliances!



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	<b>Pollinator Garden</b> Plant a pollinator garden at your school and create a space that is not only beneficial to pollinators like bees and butterflies, but is also fertile grounds for learning.
	<b>Professional Development</b> Enhance your environmental skills and knowledge by participating in webinars, workshops, or conferences.
	<b>Recycle Your Personal Electronic Waste</b> Collect electronic waste (e-waste) from your school community and ensure items get properly reused and recycled.
	<b>Reduce Harmful Single-Use Plastics</b> Raise awareness and take a pledge to reduce harmful single-use plastic waste at your school.
	<b>Repurposing and Innovative Recycling</b> Recycle or repurpose items that are not recyclable through the regular recycling stream and help to divert waste from the landfill.
	<b>School Energy Exploration</b> Explore your school's energy use to help track your carbon footprint.
	<b>School Water Exploration</b> Explore your school's water use and learn how to save this precious resource.
	<b>Scrap Your Food Waste</b> Get your school ready to scrap avoidable food waste through an awareness campaign and school-wide pledge.
	<b>Sort Your Waste</b> Keep waste out of the landfill with a five-star waste sorting program!
	<b>Supporting Species at Risk</b> Take action to raise awareness and support a species at risk in Canada.
	<b>Sustainable Transportation</b> Reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve air quality by promoting sustainable transportation options at your school.
	<b>Take Me Outside Day</b> Commit to spending at least one hour outside with your class for Take Me Outside Day!
	<b>Textile Recycling</b> Recycle old textiles like clothes, shoes, and bedding, and help to divert waste from the landfill.
	<b>Tree Planting and Maintenance</b> Plant and care for trees on your school grounds and experience the benefits for decades to come.
	<b>Vermicomposting and Outdoor Composting</b> Get your hands dirty and turn your food scraps into nutrient-rich soil.
	<b>Walk and Roll to School Day</b> Get walking, get rolling, and get active on the way to school!
	<b>Waste-Free Lunch</b> Reduce your school's waste by encouraging students and staff to bring waste-free lunches!
	<b>Waste-Free Meetings and Events</b> Make your next school event or meeting waste-free!
	<b>WWF Earth Hour</b> Switch off your lights and make noise for the Earth Hour movement.
	<b>WWF National Sweater Day</b> Our planet is getting hotter. Your school can help by turning down the heat on National Sweater Day.
	<b>Young Reporters for the Environment</b> Young Reporters for the Environment (YRE) Canada is a national environmental journalism competition for writers, photographers, and videographers aged 11-18.

There are two locked  actions that will help to form the foundation of a strong EcoSchool. They cannot be removed from a school plan. While it is recommended that schools try to implement these actions, they may choose to complete as much, or little, of each of these actions.