

Oct. 21-Nov. 1

# MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY TRASH CLEANUP

Most trash cleaned wins prizes!

Keep water trash-free during COVID's increase in single-use items

We challenge all **elementary school classrooms in Whatcom County** to clean up all the litter you can find the week of Make A Difference Day, October 24th!

Class that cleans  
the most **wins a  
Stewardship Kit  
valued at \$150!**

**WHO:** All Elementary School Classrooms in Whatcom County! The prize will be awarded to the classroom that collects the most garbage.

**WHEN:** Do your cleanup any time between October 21st – November 1st. Photo submissions for chance at prizes are **due by 5:00 p.m. November 1st.** [Submit photos here!](#)

**WHERE:** We encourage you to clean up your own neighborhoods and your favorite parks, trails, and beaches. But if nothing comes to mind, we've identified some [trash hotspots on this map.](#)

**HOW:** Follow [these protocols to protect yourself](#) and [watch this example video!](#) After your class picks up garbage, submit your classroom's information and total collected, along with photos of your students with all of the garbage to [schools@re-sources.org](mailto:schools@re-sources.org). (We recommend each teacher submits their classroom's information rather than students doing it individually).

**And perhaps most importantly, WHY:** Our community can keep waterways cleaner during COVID, a time when increased use of single-use items has led to worse plastic pollution and litter entering our waters. Animals get tangled up in it, they choke on it, and even get poisoned by it. Most of the garbage in our oceans and waterways originates from land, so picking up garbage in our neighborhoods and cities not only helps the animals and plants living on land, but organisms in the water too.

**Need more information? Are you a teacher and need ways to incorporate this into your classroom?**

Contact Chelsea: [schools@re-sources.org](mailto:schools@re-sources.org) or call 360.733.8307