



Make your own “BOB!” (Ball of Bags)

STL City Recycles

20-40 minutes

Grades K-12

Purpose

To help students see just how many plastic bags they're using in their everyday lives.

Subjects

- Science
- Sustainability

Materials Needed

- Plastic bags from retail stores; please have your class/school start a collection about a week prior to our arrival
- A long hallway or large space to assemble the collection of bags in one long row

Verification

- Age appropriate pre and post-test based on material being covered

Activity

After an introductory presentation about recycling, students will collaborate to produce a long row of plastic bags tied together. This will help to visualize how many plastic bags they are using in their everyday lives. The class will then nominate one volunteer to bring “BOB the ball of bags” to a grocery store plastic bag recycling bin after we have completed the lesson. We recommend a local Schnucks or Dierbergs.