

## **Transcript for “Eco the Ferret Talks About Reuse/Recycle” by Patricia Muszynski**

Student example included in PraxisWiki webtext “Hey, @students! #Letschat: Using Social Media to Facilitate Research and Public Engagement” by Jessie Miller, Shanna Gilkeson, and Lisa Pignotti.

*Note there is no audio to this video. All of this material appears as text-on-screen.*

Hi. My name is Eco, and I’m a ferret. Today I want to talk to you about trash and what we can do with it to help our planet be cleaner.

The EPA says each person in the United States creates a daily average of 4.5 pounds of solid waste. That’s a lot of waste! What can we do about it?

Instead of sending it to a landfill or incinerator, we can recycle or reuse a lot of it, and help our planet.

A landfill is a place where trash is dumped to rot and decompose, but a lot of trash doesn’t rot or decompose. So it just stays in the landfill and gets covered with more trash.

An incinerator burns trash, making pollution. They emit nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide and lead into the air we breath[e].

Recycling is when things get broken down and made into new things. Lots of things can be recycled, like plastic bottles, glass jars, cardboard, paper, and even metal.

Lots of things can be made from recycled material, too. For example, each of the bachelor graduating robes at Eastern Michigan University [is] made from 23 recycled soda bottles.

Reusing is when you use an item again after [it] is no longer needed. For example, if you wash a plastic container that’s empty from the grocery store and use it for small toys like Legos, to be put in.

A lot of stuff can be reused you can even donate, like clothing, chairs, desk, and toys to places, like Salvation Army. Places like this stop a lot of things from ending up in landfills and incinerators, which helps our planet be [cleaner].

With your help reusing and recycling, we can help keep our planet clean for everyone to enjoy.