

# Boston Mountain's



# Green Bench Challenge!

## How does it work?

1. Registration: Register your school for the challenge (see below) by March 4, 2020. Up to ten schools may participate.
2. Education: You designate a small team of students to lead the challenge. A Boston Mountain educator will give a lesson to your team about plastic, recycling and the challenge. They spread the word!
3. Preparation: Set up designated places for collection and storage of #2 colored bottles. Plan fun ways to measure your progress.
4. Collection: Collect 2,000 #2 colored plastic bottles.
5. Reward: If you reach your goal by May 4, 2020, you will receive a recycled plastic bench for your school!

**Collect 2000 #2 Colored  
Plastic Bottles for  
Recycling!**



**Earn a recycled bench  
for your school!**



**Register by emailing the following to  
[recycle@bmswd.com](mailto:recycle@bmswd.com):**

- School name
- School address & phone number
- Program mentor (teacher, staff or parent volunteer in charge of coordinating efforts and contact person for the program)
- Mentor's email address & phone number
- *Subject line: Green Bench Challenge*

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## FAQs and Stipulations

### **Who is eligible to participate?**

Any school within Washington or Madison County is eligible. Up to ten schools may participate each year.

### **What age level is the challenge for?**

Any age of students can participate! Our educator can tailor the educational component for any group.

### **Can you tell me about the bench?**

The outdoor bench is made out of recycled plastic bottles and scrap tires. It is green, with a back, and black legs. The default is a 6-foot bench, but if the school would prefer a 4-foot bench, let us know when you register for the challenge.

### **Why #2 plastic bottles?**

Colored #2 plastic, or high-density polyethylene (HDPE) is often recycled into plastic lumber products such as outdoor benches. This allows students to make the connection between things they recycle at home and the recycled products that they become.

### **What do we do with the recycled bottles until we reach our goal?**

Boston Mountain will provide clear-stream racks for collection, but the school needs to provide bags and a storage location for the recyclables, such as an empty classroom or closet. If you don't have sufficient storage, you may also periodically drive the recyclables to our facility in Prairie Grove and we will count your progress toward the total 2000. Be sure to know how many you are bringing before you do so.

### **How should we measure our progress?**

When we come to speak to the students about plastic and recycling, we'll share some examples of ways to track progress (e.g. a goal thermometer), but you can get as creative as you like!

### **When will we receive the bench?**

When you've collected 2000 bottles, contact Boston Mountain and we will set a date to deliver your bench, at which time we will also pick up the plastic to recycle it. This is a great opportunity to have the students share what they have learned about recycling with parents or the rest of the school.

### **How many times can we do the challenge?**

Schools may participate one time per calendar year.

**\* Participants must agree to forward any media coverage regarding the challenge to Boston Mountain Solid Waste. We may also request photos of the challenge or bench. Media coverage or photos may be used by the District.**