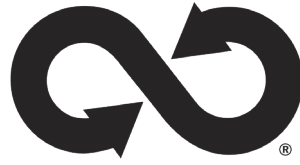




ELK PLAIN
K-8 PTA



TERRACYCLE
OUTSMART WASTE

Questions? Want to help?

Check out the Green Team website at:

www.epsocpta.org/green-team.html

or contact: christinelink@yahoo.com

How To Collect From Home

COLLECT + DROP-OFF + REPEAT = \$\$\$ for EPSOC PTA!

What is Terracycle? Terracycle is a New Jersey based company that recycles items that cannot be put into curbside recycle bins. This is wonderful because so much of what they accept accumulates in our trash very fast. They are an innovator in upcycling food packaging into fun school and office supplies as well as making other recycled products using everything from rice husks to old tents. Currently there are over 60 million people collecting worldwide and over \$15 million in donations have been made.

How Elk Plain PTA Earns Money: Companies such as Go-Go Squeeze, Clif Bar, Malt-O-Meal, and Tom's of Maine pay to sponsor the collection brigades even though any brand that fits the description can be collected. Their sponsorship fees keep the shipping cost free for us and help pay for the .01-.02 cent donation to the PTA for each item shipped.

How to Collect: All food items can be brought to school "mixed" in the same bag (usually a plastic grocery bag but any bag that does not need to be returned will work) except the hygiene items. The hygiene items need to be collected in a separate bag.

How to Drop-Off: Send your collection in with your child or bring it in personally. It can go in the small Terracycle canister at the end of the kitchen hallway or the painted Green Team tote outside in the back of the school chained to the fence.

Earn Volunteer Hours! Keep track of any time you spend collecting at home or from others and apply it toward your volunteer hours. The Sustainability Committee is also looking for parents who can help with recycle during evening PTA events

Our Goal This Year: 53,000 pieces. Since we no longer accept chip bags from home (unless you are taking the Chip Bag Challenge) our goal is 53,000. We collected this many pieces of TerraCycle our first year and I'm sure we can do it again! Over the last 2 years, the PTA has earned over \$500 just from recycling the items below.

Chip Bag Challenge: Buying single-serving size chip bags for lunch or snacks uses 50-75% more packaging than buying a large bag of chips and bringing servings to school in reusable containers (not ziplocks). To encourage you to try this at least one time this year we've created the Chip Bag Challenge. Slips will be coming home soon about this or you can get a head start by visiting the Green Team page at www.epsocpta.org and print one out today! Shrinky Dink chip bags will be awarded to the first 60 students who take the challenge!

What to Collect: (items are not brand specific)

- 1. Cereal Bags & Bags Inside Cereal Boxes**
(please shake out crumbs and store flat or folded)
- 2. Applesause/Yogurt Pouches & Caps**
(Like Gogo Squeeze. Please squeeze out all product.)
- 3. Foil-Lined Energy Bar Wrappers**
(like granola, protein, fiber, and breakfast bars)
- 3. All Clif Product Wrappers**
- 4. Toothpaste Tubes & Caps, Toothbrushes, Dental Floss Boxes and Deodorant Containers**
(please collect in a separate bag from food items)

Collect these Terracycle items from home and send them to Elk Plain with your student!

