

CLASS SCHEDULE

All classes will be held at the Burbank Recycle Center, 500 S. Flower Street, unless there is a tour or special engagement

PHASE ONE: CLASSES AND COURSE WORK

All Waste Warrior students will be required to sign up for SLACK, a free cloud-based proprietary instant messaging platform. We use this for communication, updates, and class prep reading instead of email.

Class homework involves course-related reading, internal forum chats, and conducting one corporate "green" analysis.

CLASS 1: SATURDAY, JANUARY 14 – 9AM-3PM *Recycling 101: There's No Such Thing as "Away"*

Learn the truth about waste! Class one starts with a tour of the Recycle Center and then a hands-on waste characterization study where we will examine what is thrown "away" in Burbank.

The class includes an introduction to Zero Waste, what's recyclable (and why), state and federal recycling statistics, storm water run-off and discussion of class projects.

CLASS 2: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25 – 6PM-8:30PM *Single Use, Multiple Impacts: Resources & Materials*

A look at how modern conveniences and our throw-away culture are leading to a global increase in resource depletion and waste. We will examine the complexities and decipher the realities of green products vs. green washing. The class includes a world view of packaging, plastic resins, recycled commodities and global markets that keep recycling afloat.

CLASS 3: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4 – 9AM-1PM *Power to the Plants: Valuing Organic Material*

For millions of years nature has operated the most sophisticated and successful recycling program on the planet: breaking down organic (plants) matter and returning the nutrients back to the soil. Yet, modern society misallocates this valuable resource as "waste".

You'll learn how California organics are generating power, building soil, and reducing harmful emissions.

CLASS 4: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15 – 6PM-8:30PM *Toxins Amongst Us: Household Hazardous Waste (HHW), Electronics & Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)*

Nearly one million chemical compounds are used in world manufacturing. Our modern conveniences and technologies come at a price. What happens to hazardous products at the end of life?

This class provides an overview of local household hazardous waste collection, recycling, and reuse programs. Extended Producer Responsibility (manufacturers share in the disposal burden of their products) and other emerging policies will be examined.

CLASS 5: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25 – 9AM-1PM *Consumption Grave site: Burbank Landfill Tour (field trip)*

Did you know that Burbank residents own a landfill? Take part in a VIP tour of one of the best managed and scenic landfills in the country, tucked away in the Verdugo Hills. You'll see what happens after your trash is picked up and taken "away".

CLASS 6: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8 – 6PM-8:30PM *Business REvolution: Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)*

Sustainable business practices are initiated in all shapes and sizes by boards, shareholders, consumers, and government. This class covers the drivers of green business, Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), sustainable packaging and State recycling mandates.

CLASS 7: SATURDAY, MARCH 18 – 9AM-1PM *ReTHINK: Trash as Treasure (field trip)*

Recycling is a necessity but reuse delivers far greater environmental benefits and, often times, greater profits. On this field trip you'll explore businesses and nonprofits that recognize the value in discarded treasures. You may be surprised at the untapped potential of the new dematerialized/sharing economy. Get ready to salvage, repair, reuse, re-imagine and get inspired.

CLASS 8: SATURDAY APRIL 1 – 9AM-1PM *Leadership Challenge: Using Your Skills for Local Action*

Throughout the Waste Warrior classes, project ideas and inspirations will pop up. This class is devoted to moving inspirations into action drawing on your experiences and talents. The recycling staff will assign roles in a class outreach project focusing on organic diversion for business. Students will also design a project of their choice.

BONUS EVENT: PIZZA AND A MOVIE ALUMNI NIGHT!

Meet former graduates of the Waste Warrior program while enjoying a zero waste dinner and an insightful documentary on an important waste issue. Great opportunity to network, share, and find kindred spirits that care about the same issues you do.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29 – 6PM-8:30PM

PHASE TWO: GROUP PROJECT AND COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERING (APRIL-OCTOBER)

Taking your new skills and putting them to work on a fulfilling group project for the Burbank Recycle Center, as well as any personal project you may have at your own pace. (30 hours total).

"I DON'T WANT TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT. I WANT TO CREATE A WORLD WHERE THE ENVIRONMENT DOESN'T NEED PROTECTING."

- Bahar Dutt



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