

Our Disposable Society

*How a simple consumer choice can be friendly
or devastating to the environment*

We have an endless variety of disposable items, from diapers and plates, to cell phones and cutting boards. An overwhelming number of disposable products are made of plastics, which break into small pieces but never biodegrade.

Earth Resource Foundation is working towards providing proactive solutions that are environmentally, socially and economically sound. We at Earth Resource Foundation are working to reduce waste at the source— at the supermarkets, restaurants and stores that we patronize. Our current "Sea Turtles Don't Shop" program encourages shoppers to use paper bags, or bring their own cloth bags.

Our community outreach programs extends to the elementary and high school level. Earth Resource Foundation was pleased to present the "Kids Adopt A Beach" assemblies to schools in Santa Ana, Anaheim and Garden Grove. The students learned about the dangers to marine wildlife from plastic and how to organize a beach cleanup through their school.

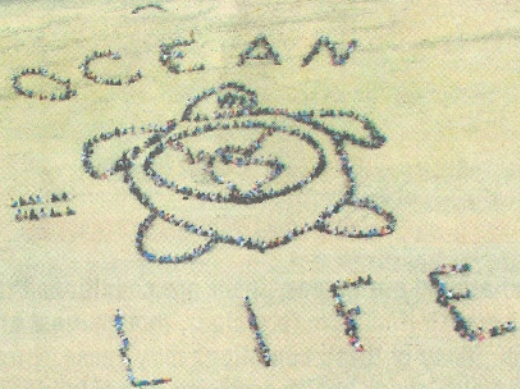
The program, funded by the Whale Tail License Plate grant, allows Earth Resource Foundation to educate over 1,500 children in underserved and urban schools.

Earth Resource Foundation also partnered with Newport Harbor High School's Surf and Environmental class. In February, Mr. Morlan and his students conducted a cleanup at the Santa Ana River Jetties in Newport Beach and collected thousands of pieces of plastic, particularly Styrofoam. The students held a press conference and collected over 600 signatures asking their city to ban Styrofoam. They modeled their efforts after Portland, Oregon and Berkeley, which have already successfully banned Styrofoam.

The next time you opt to buy a disposable item, make sure it is not throwing away the health of your children and environment. To become part of the solution, contact Earth Resource Foundation at 949-645-5163.

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On May 22, 2003, over 650 elementary children participated in a beach clean up, and sent an aerial art message to the world that our "OCEAN = LIFE" with the image of an endangered sea turtle.

Au Revoir, Sweet Colette

Congratulations and a fond farewell to Colette Maria McLaughlin, whose Doctorate of Philosophy in Social Ecology from the University of California, Irvine had induced the Monterey Peninsula

