

### If I Were Mayor For a Day...

If I were mayor for a day, I would encourage more people to recycle. I would do that by creating a program where local businesses would sponsor a school. To be a sponsored school, a teacher must be willing to be the "Green Queen" or "Green King." The Green Queen/King would set up a recycling club for the students that included many recycling improvements to their school. The club would look for ways to recycle more than just paper, plastic, and bottles. Terracycle.com is one business that encourages recycling of juice pouches and chip bags. They do this by giving points or money in exchange for them. The sponsoring business would give money to the school to be used by the Recycling Club to cover the cost of sending items to various places for recycling. Their name would also be used when the recycling club advertises any recycling contests or other community events.

To spread the word about this new program, I would put it in the *Rockville Reports* so people in Rockville could read about it. I would also find a business and a school to begin this program as an example.

This project is important to me because I wish to have a beautiful world. And I wish for following generations to have the same beautiful world as I do. Recycling keeps less things out of the landfill and encourages reuse of items, too.