



Middle School Challenge

The Zero Waste Challenge is a service learning challenge project created by Poland Spring and The Chewonki Foundation to help encourage the reduction of waste in schools across Maine. Middle school classrooms (grades 6,7,8) are invited and encouraged to take the challenge to help their schools save money and resources by evaluating their waste stream and creating a plan to reduce waste.

The winning plans will be announced at a statewide press conference held at Chewonki and the winners will also receive a cash prize that can be used to implement a Zero Waste plan at their school or fund an environmental education experience with Chewonki staff to learn more about Zero Waste.

Contest Timeline

January 10, 2012

Entries are due.

January 15-31, 2012

Independent panel of judges reviews the entries.

February 2012

Three winning plans are announced and awarded prizes as follows:

- **First prize:** \$3,000
- **Second prize:** \$2,000
- **Third prize:** \$1,000

The winners can choose to use the prize money to implement a Zero Waste strategy on the campus of the winning schools or to participate in an environmental education experience with Chewonki.

Statewide press conference held at Chewonki with winning schools to unveil plans.

Get details and register online:

http://www.chewonki.org/zerowaste/zero_waste_challenge.asp