

School Theatre Green Challenge

[The Broadway Green Alliance](#) inspires the theatre community to use environmentally friendlier practices. The BGA has made many improvements to the way Broadway works. From recycling backstage to designing costumes and sets from reused materials, the Great White Way is becoming greener everyday.

On Broadway, volunteer Green Captains on nearly every show work behind the scenes to improve the environmental performance of their productions, with support from the BGA and other Broadway Green Captains.

In March, 2013, the Education Committee of the BGA launched the College Green Captain initiative to extend the effort to colleges and universities around the country. And now, we're pleased to announce a new way for high schools, middle schools, and elementary schools to start greening their shows.

So take the Green Challenge and let us know what you are up to. Get in touch on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), or send us your photos and videos for a chance to be featured on the [BGA website](#).



Students transform a dryer hose into a snake puppet



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Take the Green Challenge by trying two or more of the following green ideas in your school's show:

- **Hold a materials drive.** Challenge your school and community to donate stuff they'd otherwise throw away, and find a way to use that stuff to build some of your physical production. Bottle caps, cardboard, fabric, and more can become beautiful costumes, stunning scenery or handy props.
- **Get smart about paper.** From tickets and programs to posters and permission slips, a school show can use a lot of paper. Print on both sides whenever possible, and always use recycled paper. Think outside the box: do those tickets have to be paper? Is there something reusable that could be used instead?
- **Use Eco-Friendly Paints.** Your backdrops, sets and props will require a lot of paint. Look for eco-friendly paints that are gentler on the earth.
- **Save Your Stuff.** Many costumes and set pieces can be reused in future shows—whether your next show has similarly costumed characters or you just reuse the fabric or wood, keep your design elements out of landfills.
- **Give and Receive.** Network with other schools in your area to create a resources list. Share sets and costumes from previous shows and borrow something “new” for your own production.
- **Stay Hydrated...Responsibly.** Putting on a play is hard work. Drink plenty of water, but remember to use reusable containers. Be sure there are plenty of recycling bins backstage and in the house for items that must be disposed of.

Stay in touch! Send stories, photos or videos of your greener production to Rebekah Sale at the BGA: rsale@broadwaygreen.com