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Reduce... Reuse... RECYCLE!

YOUR Pathfinder to Recycling

Did you know that almost 75% of the waste that we produce is recyclable?

Did you know that recycling helps to keep hazardous materials, like the harmful chemicals in lead and mercury, out of landfills?

Did you know that recycling is something that everyone can do?

Recycling Is An Activity That Anyone Can Do: When something is no longer usable in the way that it was meant to be (like a worn out light bulb, an empty cardboard box, or even an old pair of jeans), all or part of it can often be used to make another of the same product or even something entirely new and different. This is called recycling! Almost anything that you might find at home that can't be reused can be recycled. Old soda bottles can be recycled and remade into pants or t-shirts, glass bottles can be used to make road surfaces like the ones your school bus drives on, and even old phone books can be used to make brand new books that you might like to read.



The Universal Symbol For Recycling looks like this:


It is composed of 3 "chasing" arrows, arranged in an endless loop to help show that recycling is a never ending activity. Just because something doesn't work anymore, doesn't mean that it can't be recycled to make something else!

Remember The Three 'R's: Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle. Reducing means that we should limit the amount of waste-producing items that we use everyday. This may mean that we don't buy things that have too much packaging (like an apple that has been wrapped in plastic), or it may mean that we use cloth grocery bags instead of the plastic bags that the store may try to give us. Reusing means that we should think of different ways that things can be used before we throw them away. It can be as simple as donating unwanted clothing to a charity or homeless shelter, or it can also mean that we think of ways to repair something that might be broken before we simply replace it. Recycling products helps us to keep things out of the trashcan and provides raw materials to make new products that we can use all over again.

The Recycling Process involves collecting recyclable materials, either from the curb in front of your house or at a special collection center. Recyclable materials are then sorted by type (such as glass, paper, steel, aluminum) before they are processed to be used as the raw material for new products. It really is a never ending process!

Recycling Resources can be found almost anywhere. Your local library may have handouts, your school may have a recycling club or programs, and you may even be involved in your own recycling campaign in your neighborhood. One of the best things about the Internet is that you can find a LOT of information about recycling with just a few mouse clicks. **Electronic materials** to help you understand and practice recycling are abundant, you just need to know where to look. The simplicity and accessibility of the Internet make it easier than ever to find all of the information that you might need to start your own recycling project. These kinds of **electronic materials** make it quick and easy to find and print out recycling guides, recycling labels, and even printable games and craft projects that you can do “offline.”

This Recycling Pathfinder will help you find lots of information on recycling, the kinds of things that can be recycled, and how you can be actively involved in the recycling process. Below, you will find lots of websites, books, videos, magazines, and even interactive software and games that will help you with understanding, practicing, and encouraging other people to recycle. In each

section, you will also find useful ideas (marked with this symbol ) to help you make the most out of these resources and to include recycling in your daily life. The resources are arranged in alphabetical order, not in order of importance. For those of you that want to explore more resources, there are also listed important terms and words that you can use to search for information on recycling, either in your public library catalog or on the Internet. Finally, there are a few, selective resources for teachers and parents to help children begin and understand the concept of recycling and the recycling process.



Websites:

There are lots of interesting websites on the Internet about recycling. In fact, there is so much information that we need to be careful when selecting the **best** resources to use. When you look at websites, be sure to think about **who** made the website (was it a group, like a company or government agency; did it come from a school or college; was it made by a scientist; was it made by a kid just like you?). Think about **why** the website was made and also, think about **how** useful the information is. Some websites are better than others – you need to look

carefully at all the things that the website is trying to tell you: is the information **correct**? Is the information **up-to-date**? Can you understand **what** the page is trying to tell you? Do you like **how** the page is designed? Is the page **easy** to use or is it too **hard** to find what you are looking for?

The websites below were chosen because they:

- Have good, accurate information
- Are easy to understand
- Are interactive – there are lots of good games, videos, and other things
- Are visually appealing – they look fun!
- Are made by people who know and understand the subject – recycling!
- Are easy to use

Eek! Recycling & Beyond

<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/caer/ce/eek/earth/recycle/index.htm>

[Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources/Carrie A. Morgan, February, 2009]

Eek stands for Environmental Education for Kids, and the Recycling & Beyond webpage has lots of information to help you start recycling. There are coloring books, games (like Recycler-opoly), guides to composting (turning our food scraps into plant food), and even neat ideas about recycling during the holidays. You'll even find a video that takes you on a tour of the landfill (or dump) that will help you understand why it is so necessary to recycle.

Eeko World

<http://pbskids.org/eekoworld/>

[PBS Interactive, Inc., 2005-2007]

This page is LOADED with great information about the environment, plants & animals, air & water, and garbage & recycling. You can find out about what happens to the trash that you throw away and find out great ways to reuse things and the best ways that you can help to recycle unwanted items. It's totally interactive, so there are lots of games, quizzes, and videos to play and watch.

EPA Environmental Kids Club – Garbage & Recycling

<http://www.epa.gov/kids/garbage.htm>

[Environmental Protection Agency, August, 2007]

The Environmental Protection Agency is part of the U.S. federal government and its job is to help protect our health by making sure our environment is kept clean and safe. This webpage contains information on how you can join the Planet Protectors Club and help protect the Earth from harm. There are lots of fun games and puzzles to help you understand how to recycle and how to reduce and reuse things.

Just For Kids: Recycling

<http://www.depweb.state.pa.us/justforkids/cwp/view.asp?a=3&q=464803>

[Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Environmental Protection, 2005]

This webpage does a really good job at helping you understand the recycling process, from the start to the finish. You will learn what recycling is, who recycles

(and who should recycle), and how recycling works. You'll even learn ways to help you reduce the amount of trash that you produce while playing a bunch of games, quizzes, as well as finding ideas for craft projects and even coloring books.

Kids Recycle!

<http://www.kidsrecycle.org/>

[GrassRoots Recycling Network, 18 February, 2009]

This page has lots of information about kids just like you who are making recycling an important part of their lives as well as the lives of their families and the communities in which they live. There are also links to other schools and places that are using interesting methods to help improve recycling in the world. You can also find good ideas that you might want to try, such as making a poster to display the different ways that you can recycle.

Kids Recycle Page

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/swfa/kidsPage/>

[Washington State Department of Ecology/Michelle Payne, 18 February, 2009]

Some of the best information on this page is about the different types of recyclable materials, like aluminum (soda cans), tin (soup cans), glass, and plastic. There is a lot of information about each type and you may have questions that your parent or teacher can help you with. There are also links to fun games, like Energy Quest, and interesting trivia (like the first landfill was established in ancient Athens, Greece, in 400 B.C. – that's a long time ago!).

Kids Recycling Zone

<http://www.kidsrecyclingzone.com/>

[The Association of Post Consumer Plastic Recyclers, 18 February, 2009]

This website is really interactive and fun – it shows you what can be made from recycled products, has lots of interesting facts about recycling, and includes fun games, word puzzles, ways to help others recycle, and links to other good pages and activities.

NIEHS Kids Page

<http://kids.niehs.nih.gov/recycle.htm>

[National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, 18 February, 2009]

This page has a LOT of good information about recycling and how you can learn to reduce the amount of waste you produce and also lists some of the things that can be easily recycled. There are a bunch of good links to websites here as well, including links to games and videos that you can play and watch.



Extension Idea!

Do you know what **vermicomposting** is? It is a way that **worms** can help recycle old food into good soil (called **compost**) that can be used to feed the plants in our gardens. The NIEHS Kids Page has a link to a page that shows how we can make our own vermicompost with worms.

Find the link on the webpage for “vermiculture” or, simply click on the link

here: <http://kids.niehs.nih.gov/worms.htm>

Now, using the instructions on the worms page, you can build your own worm compost using a small, non-metal container, and shredded newspaper or straw for the worms' bedding. You can feed the worms with food scraps, but be sure to read the webpage very carefully about what not to feed them.

PLANETPALS Recycle Center

<http://www.planetpals.com/EDrecyclethings/recyclefacts.html>

[Planetpals.com/Judith Gorgone, 1991 (18 February, 2009)]

You will find a lot of great information at PLANETPALS, including lists of commonly recycled materials as well as those materials that require special handling, like paint, batteries, and other chemicals. There are good ideas about "precycling," which means the ways that you can help prevent the need to recycle in the first place (like taking your own bags to the grocery store or buying things that last longer and do not have as much packaging material). Their "Top Ten Ways to Precycle" list will help you to help save the environment.



Extension Idea!

Are you trying to help your whole family understand the need to recycle? Are you having trouble convincing some of your family members to recycle? How about finding and printing out the "Precycle Shopping List," located on the PLANETPALS website. If you have trouble finding it, you can click on this link: (<http://www.planetpals.com/pdfimages/precycle.pdf>). After you print it out, stick it on the front of the refrigerator or wherever you think that your family will see it the most. It will help to remind you and your family to do things like take your own bags to the grocery store, buy products that are packaged in recycled materials, and try not to buy things that are packaged in styrofoam. You might also look at the Tips and Tricks page on this website for ideas to reuse things (like using an empty egg carton to store your crayons or using old clothes to make a soft pillow bed for your pet).

Ranger Rick's Green Zone

<http://www.nwf.org/rrgreenzone/>

[National Wildlife Federation, 1996-2009]

This website is not just about recycling – it includes lots of different ways that we can make the world a greener place (being **green** means that we do things like recycling to help reduce the harmful effects of the waste that we produce on the Earth). There are games, quizzes, and even a silly story maker to help you understand how what we do impacts the world that we live in.

Recycle Indiana

<http://www.in.gov/recycle/index.htm>

[Indiana Department of Environmental Management, 18 February 2009]

This website is part of the Indiana state government and can be a bit confusing at first because it has so much information about recycling. However, if you click on

the “Recycle Guys” link on the left hand side of the page, you will find information about “The Recyclables,” several cartoon characters (like Pete the Jug and Al the Can) that will help you understand how and why you should recycle. There are lots of good activities and TONS of things that you can download and print out, like posters, trading cards, and even temporary tattoos!



Extension Idea!

Wondering what to do to help spread the word about recycling in your school? How about talking with your librarian or teacher about some ways that you can use some of the posters and bookmarks that are on the Recycle Indiana webpage. Here’s an idea: Locate the link to the “500 Ways to Recycle” bookmark (here’s a shortcut if you are having a problem finding it: http://www.in.gov/recycle/files/500_race.pdf). Next, have your librarian or teacher help you print out as many copies as they think you might need. You’ll probably need help cutting the bookmarks out of the paper when you are finished printing. Now, place the bookmarks in a location where as many people will see them, like the library checkout desk or the lunchroom. You can even ask your librarian if he or she will place a bookmark in every book that gets checked out by other people.

RecycleWorks Kids

<http://www.recycleworks.org/kids/howtohelp.html>

[San Mateo County RecycleWorks (Redwood City, CA), 18 February, 2009]

RecycleWorks is loaded with good, accurate information that is easy to understand. There are a lot of pictures to help you along the way as you read about recycling and find out about where your trash goes and why it is so important to reduce, reuse, and recycle things every day. Did you know that just about everything in your garbage can is recyclable? You can even find a sign to print out on this website and place it on a recycling bin to encourage others to recycle. This website also includes some very good information on ecosystems (plants, animals, soil, and water) and how recycling is important in keeping our planet healthy.

Recycling @ Earth911.com

<http://earth911.com/recycling/>

[Earth911.com, 18 February, 2009]

Did you know that it’s pretty easy to start your own recycling program? This website will give you quite a few ideas about how to do just that as well as giving you information about what the different types of recycling programs are and how they work. There are lots of good ideas about how to recycle things at home by sending them in the mail – like where to mail old cell phones and computers, and how to recycle printer ink cartridges by mailing them to a recycling company.

Reusing Materials to Make New Crafts (Kaboose)

<http://crafts.kaboose.com/reusing-materials-make-new-crafts.html>

[Kaboose, Inc., 18 February, 2009]

Remember, there are lots of good websites that show us why and how we can recycle and many of them are listed in this pathfinder. One of the ways that we can recycle is by reusing things that we thought were no longer usable. Making craft projects is just one way to reuse and recycle – not to mention that it is a lot of fun! While you're learning about the kinds of materials that we can recycle and why the Earth depends on our help in recycling, why not use some of those recyclable materials to make your own, new product? This website is filled with great craft ideas, including all of the things that you will need, and complete instructions that you can print out and follow along. You might need the help of a parent or teacher for some of these, but it will be a lot of fun to make things like a pencil holder or a plant pot.

ROSCOE's Recycle Room

<http://www.recycleroom.org/>

[Steel Recycling Institute, 18 February, 2009]

ROSCOE stands for Recycle Our Steel Conserve Our Environment. This website is mostly about how we can recycle steel (like empty soup cans, old refrigerators, and even cars and motorcycles) and is filled with lots of facts – did you know that 630 steel cans are recycled every minute? Did you also know that by recycling the steel found in only 6 cars, there will be enough steel to build an entire house? There is also a club that you can join as well as games to play, like rearranging Roscoe's face to make it funny!



E-Periodicals and Databases:

E-periodicals are like electronic versions of magazines. They are great resources for current information and because they are in electronic format on the Internet, they are often easy to use and interactive – sometimes, you can post your own comments (like a blog) and interact with other readers and even the writers of the stories. Databases are like electronic storage devices (like a farmer's silo that holds grain or a giant warehouse for a department store) – they hold a lot of information that can be retrieved by doing word-based searches just like you might search the Internet using Google. Below you will find just a few of the electronic “magazines” and databases that you might discover to help you understand recycling. You might find using a database to be a bit challenging. You will find some suggestions to help you use a database, but you may need to ask a teacher or parent to help you along the way.

Eco Kids Magazine

<http://ecokidsmagazine.com/eco-kids-magazine>

[Ecobites Publishing Company (Australia), 18 February, 2009]

Looking for ways to recycle a cardboard box? How about making a puppet theater or a compost bin? These are just a couple of the useful ideas that you will likely find in Eco Kids Magazine. It is chock full of interesting stories, crafts,

games, songs, and other things that will make recycling fun. But, it's not just about recycling, it's about all of the things that we can do to help make the Earth a cleaner and greener place.



Extension Idea!

How about doing something a little bit different this Easter: instead of using plastic (fake) grass in your Easter basket, why not use real grass instead? Now, not just any old grass will do. On the Eco Kids Magazine website, find the article for "Grass Easter Basket." Hint: you can scroll through the list of articles at the bottom of the page until you find it, or you click the "search" button in the upper right hand corner of the page and type **grass easter basket** in the search box and then press the "search" button. You might have to look through several of the articles until you find the one that you are looking for. If you still have trouble finding the article, you can click the link here:

<http://ecokidsmagazine.com/eco-kids-magazine/101-ecokids-1/765-grass-easter-basket>

Now, with the help of a parent or teacher, you can follow the directions in the article to help you grow wheatgrass in a container that will fit inside your Easter basket. Congratulations! You've not only grown your own plant, but you've also helped reduce the amount of waste that is added to the environment!

GreenFILE Database

<http://www.greeninfoonline.com>

[EBSCO Publishing, 18 February, 2009]

GreenFILE is a free, searchable research database that contains information on how humans interact with the environment. You can find information on topics ranging from global warming to recycling and beyond. This would be a good resource if you were writing a school report on recycling or alternative energy sources (like solar power or generating electricity from water). It might be confusing to use at first, so you may need the help of a parent or teacher to get you started.



Extension Idea!

Do you have to write a report on recycling soda cans? Do you need to find a magazine article that has facts that you can use in your report? You can use GreenFILE to find magazine articles on a wide variety of topics.

Here are a few tips to get you started:

On the front page of the GreenFILE database you will find a search box.

In the search box, type the words **aluminum can recycling**

Now click the search button.

On the next page, you will find all of the results from your search.

You can narrow down your search by telling the database to only search for magazine articles. Here's how: on the left hand side of the search results page, click the link that says **magazines**. Hint: it is under the column that is labeled **Source Types**.

Now you will have narrowed down your search to only include articles from magazines. With your teacher or parent's help, you can look through the search results to find information that might be useful for your report. One interesting fact that you might find is that some countries in the world have successfully increased the number of recycled aluminum cans to almost 93%. That's almost all of the cans that were used in those countries! Now, you can use some of the keywords listed below in the section for **Books** and construct your own searches in GreenFILE.

Ranger Rick Magazine

<http://www.nwf.org/kids/kzPage.cfm?siteid=3>

[National Wildlife Federation, 18 February, 2009]

This is the online version of the print Ranger Rick Magazine, and it is filled with much of the same, great content. While it has much more information on topics other than recycling, much of it is complementary (that means that what you might learn about animals in the wild could be used to help you understand why we recycle). You will find lots of information about the environment and the world that we live in and ways that you can help make a difference. There are games, puzzles, contests, crafts, and many other things to interact with in this e-magazine.



Books:

Books are great sources of information and are readily available in your school or public library. You will find lots of good ideas for recycling and reducing waste in books that you might find in the library. Before you get started, you might think about the ways in which you can **search** for books using your library's online catalog. First, books about recycling are probably going to be in the **non-fiction** section. In the public library, these books are usually arranged by using the Dewey Decimal System. To help you understand the Dewey Decimal System, you might want to visit this link:

<http://www.monroe.lib.in.us/childrens/ddctable.html>. To help even further, you can go to this link (<http://www.kidsclick.org/dewey.html>) to find webpages that are arranged using this same system.

Books on recycling are often found in the **300** section but can also be found in the **600** section. You might also find them arranged in other sections depending on what else the book may be about.

When searching the library catalog, you may wish to use some of the words below, either as a **keyword** search or as a **subject** search:

Recycle	Recycling	Recyclable	Recycled	Conservation
Environment	Renewable	Landfill	Waste	Energy

Packaging	Reduce	Reuse	Disposal	Eco
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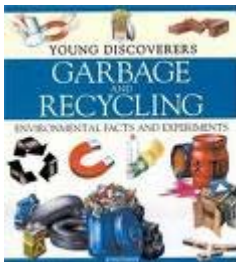


50 Simple Things Kids Can Do To Save The Earth

[The Earth Works Group. 1990. Kansas City: Andrews and McMeel]

“This valuable and entertaining book shows children how specific elements of their environment--like a light switch or a toilet--are connected to the rest of the world. Clear, practical tips show kids how they can conserve energy, recycle waste, and take on important environmental projects.”

Review [here](#).



Garbage and Recycling

[Harlow, Rosie, & Morgan, Sally. 2001. Boston: Kingfisher Publications Plc]

“Explaining the difference between biodegradable and non-biodegradable garbage, this book shows how glass, metal, and wool can be easily recycled. How Can I Help? boxes give suggestions for the young environmentalist who wants to recycle at home.”

Review [here](#).



Recycle! A Handbook for Kids

[Gibbons, Gail. 1992. Boston: Little, Brown Young Readers]

“It covers the major groups of recyclables. It shares facts, tells children how to prepare each item to recycle, and gives a comprehensible description of how they are made into new products. At the end it even gives children ideas of how they can help.”

Review [here](#).

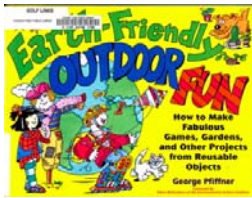


Something Old, Something New: Recycling

[Ganeri, Anita. 2005. Chicago: Heinemann Library]

“... tackles how to avoid creating unnecessary waste and disposing of waste in environmentally acceptable ways... [and] focuses on how simple decisions have a knock-on effect for the whole planet.”

Review [here](#).



Earth-Friendly Outdoor Fun

[Pfiffner, George. 1996. Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley and Sons.]

This book is about how to make fabulous games, gardens, and other projects from reusable things. “...Ordinary discarded objects find new life as imaginative and unique outdoor toys, games, and tools. Go bowling in your own backyard. Or build your own backyard barometer. Scare up a scarecrow from some old clothes and newspaper. Send a jet balloon soaring. Activities include complete step-by-step instructions and illustrations to ensure success. Best of all, you'll also learn important facts and tips about helping to save our environment through recycling.”

Review [here](#).



Videos:

Sometimes, videos, pictures, sounds, and even animation can help explain the process of recycling even better than the words in books and on websites. There are lots of places to find videos about recycling on the Internet. Below are just a few of the best videos that you might use, either to learn about recycling yourself or to show your friends and family how easy it is to recycle. These were chosen because they are visually appealing (they look fun!) and because they have really good, accurate information about recycling.

The Cycle

<http://www.explorethecycle.com/>

[RecycleBank, 18 February, 2009]

This 8 part video series helps to explain exactly what happens to recyclable materials when you put them out for collection to be recycled. You'll learn about the Materials Recovery Facility (where recycled materials get sorted) and about many of the different recycled materials, like plastic, glass, paper, and metal. You'll also learn about recycling in other countries and how RecycleBank works to help expand recycling across the world.



Extension Idea!

Have you heard of [YouTube](#)? YouTube is a website on the Internet where people can watch videos on almost any topic, share videos that they have made themselves, and even post comments about videos that they have watched. There are lots of interesting and fun videos about recycling on YouTube, including **The Cycle**, mentioned above.

Why not explore YouTube on your own. Start by trying to find **The Cycle** videos. Click on the link [here](#) to visit the YouTube site.

Next, in the “search” box at the top of the webpage, type the words **the cycle** and then click “search.” You’ll probably find **The Cycle** video fairly easily, but if you have problems (because there may be a LOT of videos that have **the cycle** in their titles), you may wish to add another search word. How about trying this instead: type the words **the cycle recyclebank** in the “search” box and then click search.

This will help to **narrow** down your search results. Be sure to ask a teacher or parent if you have any trouble.

Now, you can try your own searches for videos. Try to use some of the keywords listed above under the **Books** section.

Want to try something else? How about making your own recycling video and uploading it to the YouTube website? Start by looking at the [Kids’ Vid](http://kidsvid.altec.org/) website (<http://kidsvid.altec.org/>). There are lots of good ideas about how to make a video. Be sure to work with a parent or teacher to help you get started.

The Garbage Story: Recycling Garbage

<http://videos.howstuffworks.com/hsw/17160-the-garbage-story-recycling-garbage-video.htm>

[HowStuffWorks, Inc., 18 February, 2009]

The technology behind recycling is explained in this video. You’ll learn how plastic bottles can be recycled to be remade into pants and how recycling can provide the raw materials for new products. There are other videos in **The Garbage Story** series on this website. You can look under the “related videos” section of this webpage, or do a “video search” using the keywords **garbage story**.

Go Go Green

http://www.teachertube.com/view_video.php?viewkey=2f8b55550bb1bc1eac79

[Laks, David, McInerney, Sharon, & 4th grade students at Phoenicia School, 11 June, 2008]

This award winning video was put together by the 4th grade class at Phoenicia School in New York. It includes songs and music to help understand recycling. The Phoenicia School implemented a school-wide recycling program and the 4th graders helped to recycle over a ton of paper and plastic. This video helps show how they did that.

How Cell Phone Recycling Works

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sCU4o_Ce9PM

[HowStuffWorks, Inc., 9 March, 2007]

Ever wonder what happens to cell phones and cell phone chargers when they are thrown away? This video explains what cell phones and chargers are made of and what happens if they are simply placed in a landfill. You'll also learn a few ideas about how and where to recycle cell phones to keep them out of the landfill.

Recycle Right

<http://recyclingweek.planetark.org/recycling-info/video.cfm>

[Planet Ark, 2008]

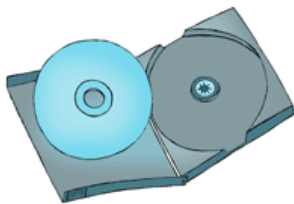
This video from Australia shows how recycling can save both energy and water, which is important to all countries in the world. You'll see what types of products at home that can be recycled, and the things that you might need to do before your drop off recyclable materials (like the dangers of using plastic bags). There are several other good videos on this website as well – such as **Hazardous Waste Recycling** and **E-Waste Recycling** (recycling old computers, for example).

Recycling is Fun and Easy

http://www.teachertube.com/view_video.php?viewkey=a68a7c35d109bec48aeb

[Schirra, Elizabeth, Sif, Christina, Snoddy, Stephanie, & Tenbarga, Megan, 30 November, 2007]

This video was made by 4 students in the School of Education at Indiana University and shows how easy it is to recycle unwanted waste. You'll learn what might happen if we don't recycle, including harming animal habitats, as well easy ways to begin recycling in your home or at your school.



Software:

There are many good software programs that you can install on your computer and learn about recycling and “going green.” Some computer programs are better than others – try to think about how useful a computer program might be. Is it fun? Are you learning anything? Is there enough information for you to learn and share? Is the computer that you are using powerful enough to install the software (hint: look at the “system requirements” for any computer program that you might want to use to make sure it will be able to work on your computer. You may need to ask a parent or teacher to help.)? The computer programs below should work on most PCs (computers with Microsoft Windows installed) and Apple Macs. When you are using this software, think about the questions listed above and how **you** feel about the programs.

Recycling (Activity Tree Series)

http://www.nordicsoftware.com/web/product_index/recycling

[Nordic Software. 1999. Lincoln, NE: Nordic Software]

“Recycling is one way that people can help conserve, or save, our natural resources. Learn about natural resources, materials that can be recycled and recycling centers. Crossword and word search puzzles, dot-to-dots, matching games, coloring book pages, picture jumbles and a presentation help you learn about recycling.” Review [here](#).



Recycling! (NoteNiks Eco-Pak Games)

<http://www.noteniks2.com/noteniks/software.html>

[NoteNiks. 2007. Oakland, CA: Sound Advice, Inc.]

“What belongs in the trash? What belongs in recycling? These interactive games and activities help children identify garbage from recycling in familiar environments like the beach, park, school and city. Includes curriculum for parents, homeschoolers and teachers!” Review [here](#).



Resources for Librarians, Parents, and Teachers:

In addition to all of the great resources found in this pathfinder, librarians, parents, and teachers may wish to locate information, curriculum materials, and expanded project ideas to help convey the meaning, importance, and practicality of recycling. Many of the websites mentioned above have sections dedicated specifically to parents and teachers. Listed below are a few, selective resources

to help find further information, including lesson plans, activity guides, and interactive games.

KidsRegen.org Educators Site

<http://kidsregen.org/educators/>

[The Rodale Institute, 2007]

Here you will find curriculum guides and materials, “action steps,” a fitness program, as well as science experiments and links to other resources.

Kids Recycle! For Teachers

<http://www.kidsrecycle.org/overview.php>

[GrassRoots Recycling Network, 18 February, 2009]

“Provides students, teachers, school administrators, local recycling coordinators and community activists with the tools that have been developed by their peers to achieve zero waste in their K-12 school systems.” Review [here](#).

Recycle City’s Information for Teachers

<http://www.epa.gov/recyclecity/activity.htm#Information>

[Environmental Protection Agency, 31 October, 2003]

Ideas on this page include scavenger hunts, the “Clean Up Dumptown” game, as well as links to other useful resources located either within the EPA site or elsewhere.

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