

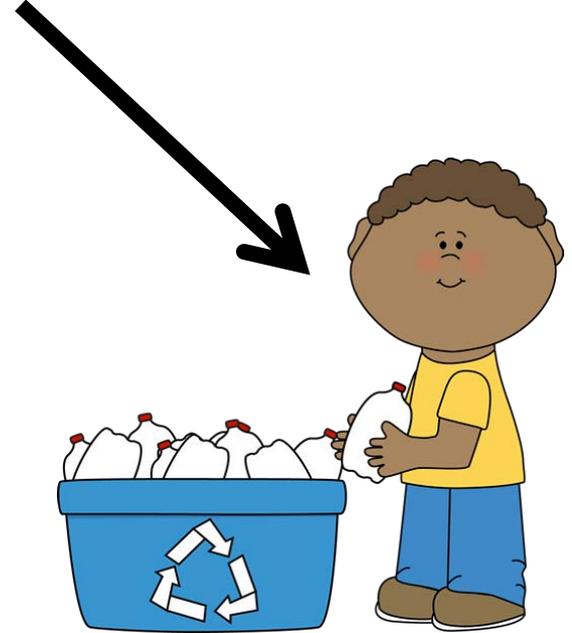
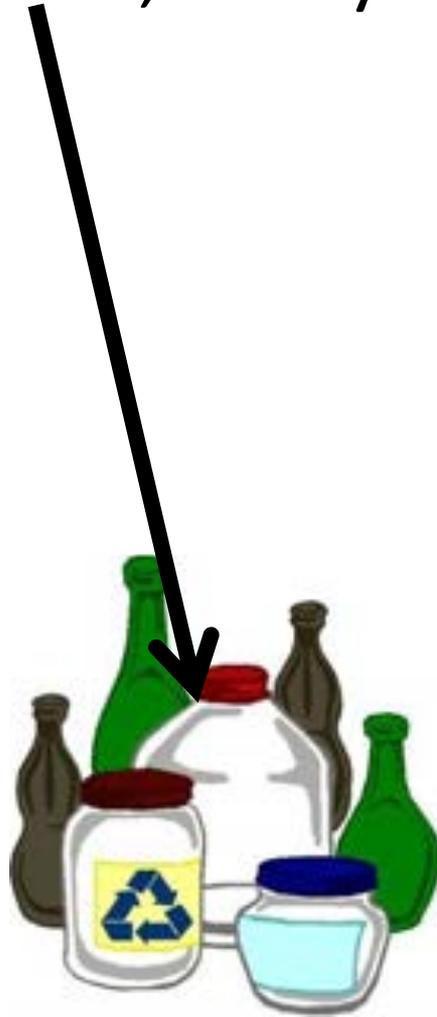
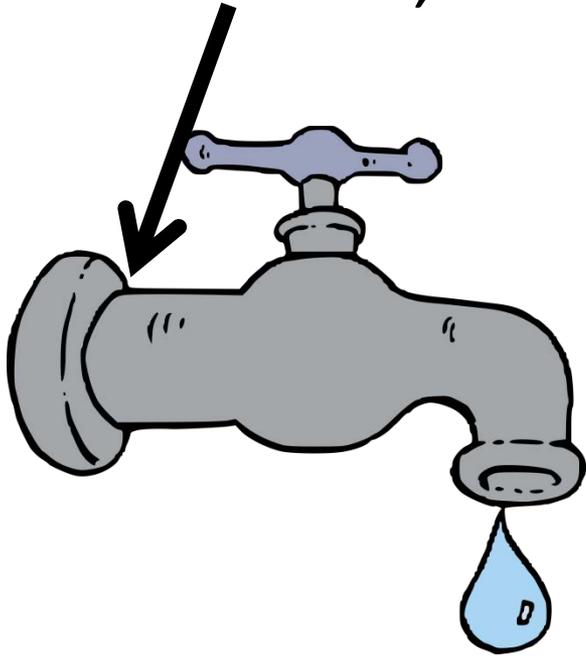
# EARTH DAY APRIL 22ND

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- Earth Day is coming, a day to think about how we can make the Earth healthier and cleaner.
- We can reduce using energy, water , materials like paper and plastic.
- We can re-use objects and re-purpose them to use them in different ways.
- We can recycle plastic with numbers 1-7 on them, tin cans, aluminum cans, glass and paper.
- We can save our food scrapings to make compost for our gardens.

# Reduce, reuse, recycle



# More and Less

Use it again or make it something new (hands mix)

That's what good recyclers do! (clap)





You can make your own recycling bin!

- Get a box.
- Cut out the recycling symbol.
- Glue the symbol on the box.
- Now RECYCLE!



Recycle symbol for making a recycling box



Songs from Growing Up WILD  
You can sing this song to the tune of  
*Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star.*

**Sharing with our friends is fun. (singing  
holding hands in a circle)**

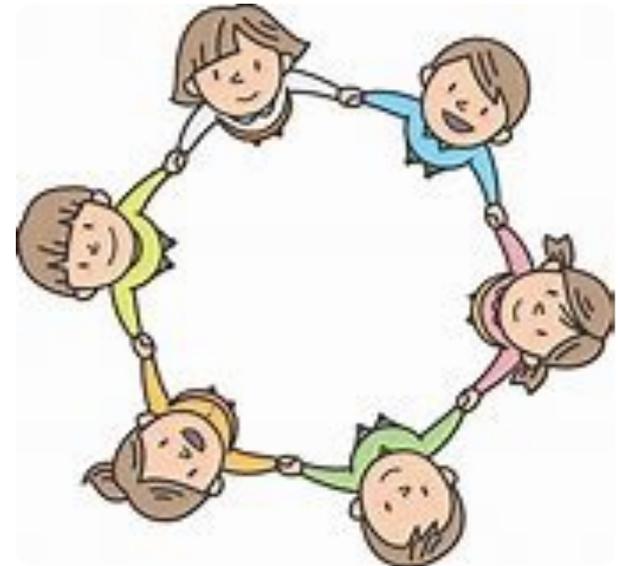
**Try to share with everyone.**

**Using less we all get more. (hands going  
together/small and then wide apart)**

**That's what sharing's really for!**

**Sharing with our friends is fun. (singing  
holding hands in a circle)**

**Try to share with everyone.**



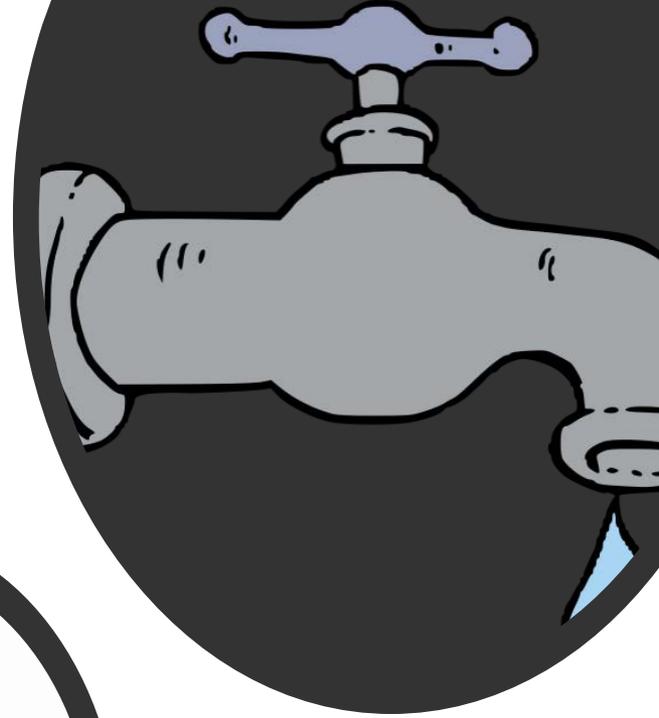
You can sing this to *Pop Goes the Weasel*.

**Reduce, (hands going from apart to together),  
reuse (hands circling each other),  
recycle (hands putting object in a pretend recycle bin),**

**Reduce, (hands going from apart to together),  
reuse (hands circling each other),  
recycle (hands putting object in a pretend recycle bin),**

**When we use less (hands going together),  
we all get more (hands going way out to the sides).**

**Let's all use less! (Clap!)**



# You can sing this to *If You're Happy and You Know It*

**If you're trying to use less (hands going together)  
clap your hands—clap, clap**

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clap your hands—clap, clap**

**When we're using less (hands together), we're  
showing**

**That we're caring (hug ging yourself) for the friends  
we're knowing.**

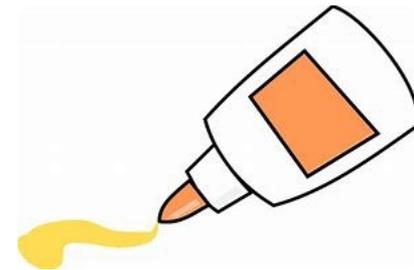
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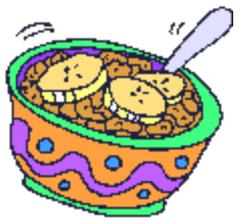
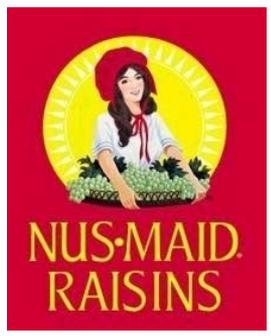
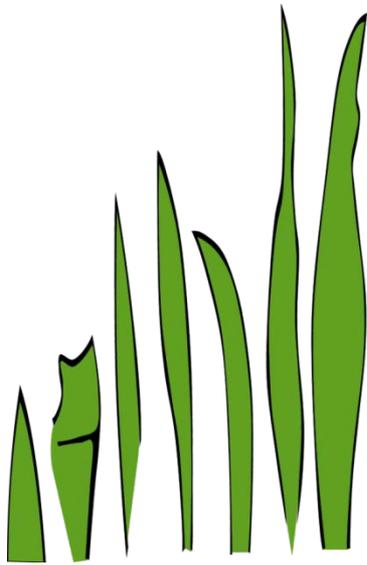
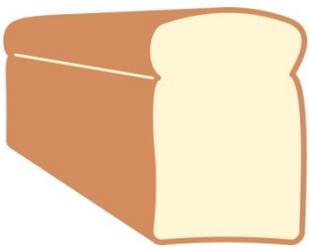
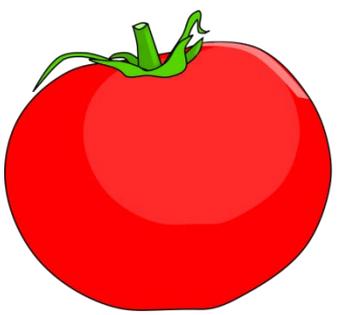
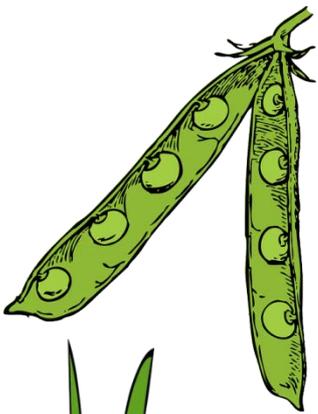
# Compost Soup

You can make a compost soup craft:

- First find a paper bowl or reused plastic container.
- Then cut out the the food pictures.
- Finally glue them on the bowl, and you have Compost Soup!



# Pictures for Compost Soup craft



# Reuse a plastic produce container to make a compost bin!

- Poke holes in the lid.
- Put a layer of soil at the bottom.
- (If you can dig up some worms, put them on the soil.)
- Place some rotting food on the soil.
- Place a layer of shredded paper on the food.
- Spray the paper layer with water to moisten.
- Place a layer of dry shredded paper on top.
- Cover with a piece of paper.
- Put on the lid.
- If you have worms put a piece of rotting food in each week.
- If you don't have worms, moisten and turn over once each week.



## All the Children Had Some Worms

(You can sing it to the tune of *Old McDonald's Farm*.)

All the children had some worms, (wiggling fingers)

In the compost bin.



The wiggling worms made healthy soil (wiggling fingers)

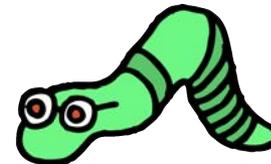
In the compost bin.

Wriggle, squiggle here, wriggle , squiggle there, (moving side to side)

Here a wiggle, there a squiggle everywhere a wiggle, squiggle. (moving side to side)

All the children loved the worms (wiggle fingers)

In the compost bin.



## **Worm Boogie-Woogie**

(You can sing it to the tune of *Hokey Pokey*.)

Let's put worms in, taking worm dirt out. (hands moving in and out)

Let's put worms in, composting all about, (hands mixing)

Doing Worm Boogie-Woogie and saving the environment, (turning in a circle)

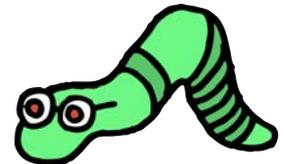
That's what it's all about. (clap, clap)

Putting water in, keeping worms in the dark. (pretending to water and covering eyes)

Putting water in, giving worms some air. (blowing puff)

Doing Worm Boogie-Woogie, saving the environment, (turning in the other direction)

That's what it's all about. (clap, clap)



Here are some other ways to think about helping the environment!

We need a healthy global climate!

We need healthy air!

We need healthy rivers and oceans!

We need healthy soil!

We need biodiversity!

**How can we help?**



Helping begins with the little things we do every day; helping starts with how we live.

Where do some of the “greenhouse gases” that warm the climate come from? Major sources are from fossil fuels, agriculture growing cattle and poultry, and destroying forests. We can think about renewable sources of energy like sun and wind, eating less meat and poultry, and planting more trees. We can think about hybrid and electric vehicles and more shared transportation.

How can we keep rivers and oceans safe? First, anything that falls on the ground or get flushed down the sink or toilet, goes into our rivers and eventually our oceans—so there is no “away”. Fertilizers, chemicals from factories, all our plastics, eventually end up in our oceans. We can use other ways than fertilizers, insecticides and herbicides to have healthy grass and plants. We can mulch and use natural insect control. We can reduce our plastic use with reusable straws, tableware, and bottles.

When we plant native plants, native grass, and reduce tilling the soil, we create healthy soil water *sponges*, and help capture and store carbon. Native plants and grasses and healthy soil also increase biodiversity and provide a wide variety of “ecosystem” services including slowing water movement, storing water, filtering water, providing the ecosystem for “detritivores” and decomposers to clean the environment.

We CAN make a difference!





# More and Less

We save the environment!

Using less is  
what I do,



Or making things into something new.



Sorting is  
how I  
begin,



To find the  
things for  
the  
recycling  
bin!



# Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Inventory!

Take an inventory of your house—how can you help the planet by using less?

- What can you do to use less energy and less water?
- What can you reuse so you use fewer things?
- What can you make into something new?
- What things will you be able to recycle?



Every day is a great time to recycle!

### Reuse wrapping paper!

What are some ways you can reuse wrapping paper?

- You can wrap something else in it.
- You can paint a picture on it.
- You can glue it on a jar to make a vase.



### Reuse cards!

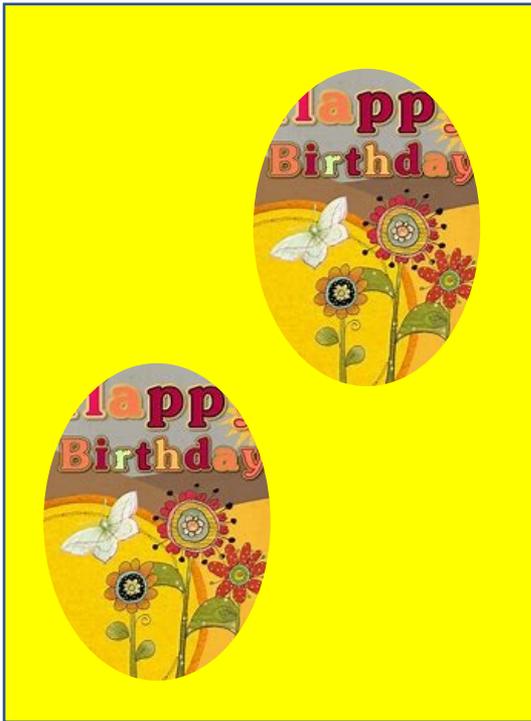
What are some ways you can reuse cards?

- You can cut up cards and make a collage.
- You can decorate a box with pictures from the cards.
- You can \_\_\_\_\_?



We can reuse old cards and make new cards or reuse newspaper to make wrapping paper.

Reused old card into new card



Reusing newspaper into wrapping paper



# You can make gifts reusing things around the house!

## You can make wrapping paper or a gift box.

- What kind of paper can you reuse—a brown paper bag or a large envelope?
- Now you can draw, or paint or glue things on it and you have wrapping paper.
- You can use a box and you have a gift box!



## You can make cards!

- What can you use for your card—a piece of cardboard from a package, a thin piece of Styrofoam?
- Now cut up old cards, wrapping paper and ribbons and use them to decorate your card.



You can recycle some plastics, paper, glass and cans.

Always check for the triangle and number!

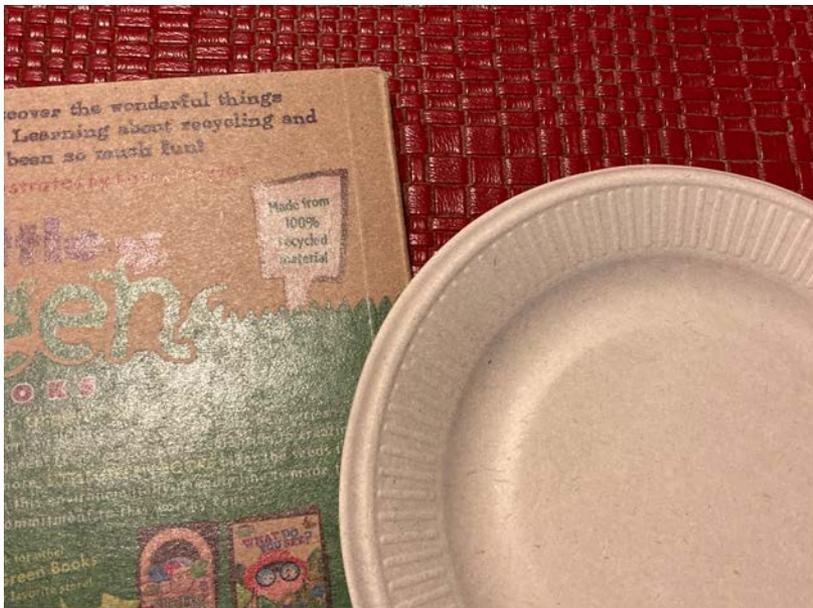


And make sure everything is clean!

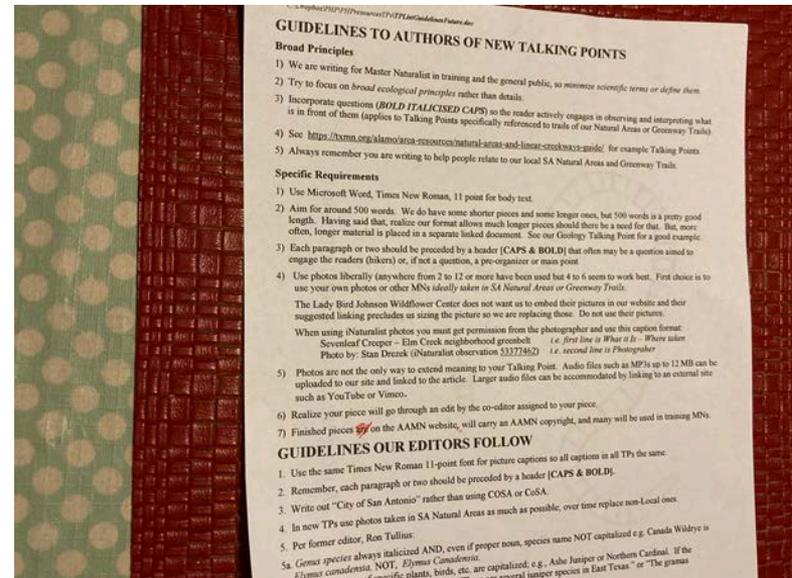


You can use recycled products and reuse paper.

Books and plates made from recycled paper



Printing on the back side of a paper



You can use lids, packing and boxes--

To make recycle art and--

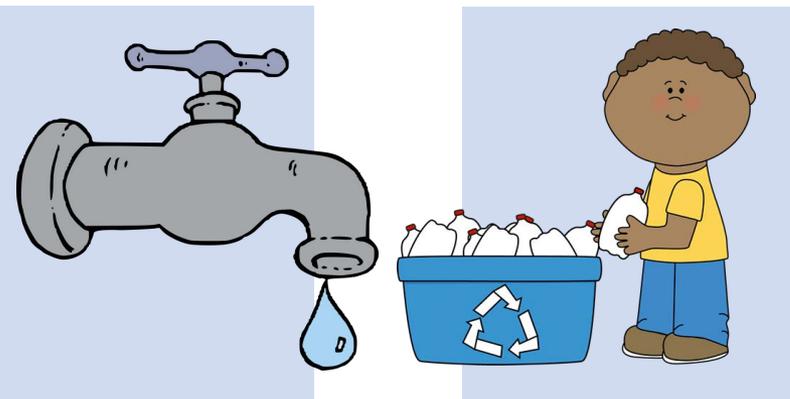
Recycle containers!



# Conservation Snack!

Let's think GREEN!

- Is there some leftover food you can reuse?
- How can you prepare your snack reducing=conserving water and energy?
- Can you recycle a container or compost your scraps?





I reused my broken candies from making a peacock to make new treats!

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You can reuse candy and pretzels broken pieces in a new delightful confection!

Peacock candies cut up



New candy treat from melted peacock candies!



You can make new confections from leftover snacks!

Leftover snacks--

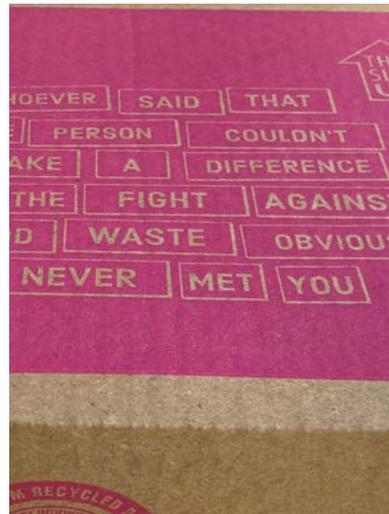


New chocolate patty!



# What are other ways you can make an Earth Day snack?

- Using filtered sink water instead of bottled water
- Taking bits and pieces of chips and pretzels from baking and snacks and making your very own special trail mix
- Buying discarded produce instead of new produce



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# You can make a mini-book!

- Fold the paper in half
- Then in half again.

