

RESPONSIBLE RECYCLERS

An activity for young learners to take action for the environment!



Did you know that excess trash can hurt the planet?

It's true! Apart from looking bad when left on the ground, litter hurts wildlife and the environment. Trash thrown into rivers and streams can hurt geese and ducks and pollute the water for fish and other animals. Trash left in the woods can also be eaten by animals and make them sick.

We can make a difference for the planet by being responsible recyclers!

WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY!

Being responsible means doing the right thing, admitting to mistakes and following through with our promises.

When we create litter, we have a responsibility to clean it up and put it where it belongs. We can also create less litter if we recycle items like glass, cans and plastic. When something is recycled it can be reused again and that is better for the earth.

Pro Tip: If you want to know if something is recyclable just look for a three arrow symbol on the label.



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LOOK FOR THE RECYCLE SYMBOL!

Too much waste hurts animals and the planet! When we recycle, reduce or reuse we create less waste and help the environment. But, we have to know how to recycle correctly in order to do a good job.

Responsible Recyclers help the planet by looking for the recycle symbol on packaging like bottles, wrappers and cans while also finding creative ways to reuse materials.

Step 1: Collect items like bottles, cans and plastic from around your house.

Step 2: Use your sharp eyes to spot any recycle symbols that might be on the packaging. A recycle symbol means it can be recycled and then reused.



Step 3: Make a pile of items that can be recycled and a pile of items that can't.

Step 4: Part of being a responsible recycler is making sure you do it right!

Pro Tip #1: Items like lids can't be recycled, so make sure to take them off of recyclable bottles.

Pro Tip #2: If you are recycling items that had food in them, make sure they are completely clean.

Step 5: Time to get creative! Another way to recycle is to use an item that you would normally throw away to make something new. Make a piece of art using items that can be recycled.

Examples:

