

Read About Reducing our Impact on Earth

DEFINITION OF RECYCLING

When you recycle, you help create new things out of old ones. Items we use every day, such as paper, plastic and bottles can be made into new ones. Recycling helps reduce our impact on Earth.

To better understand how recycling works...

LET'S BREAK IT DOWN!

Reducing and reusing helps the Earth.

Reducing the amount of waste you produce is a great way to help the environment. For example, you can take shorter showers to reduce the amount of water you use.



Recycling is another great way to help the Earth.

Many of the things we use every day are made out of materials that can be recycled. When you recycle, you help create new items out of old ones.

We can all help stop pollution.

When the environment is dirtied by waste, our air, water and land get polluted. You can help stop pollution by always placing your trash in a trash can and never leaving it on the ground.



Where does our trash go?

When you throw away your trash, it goes to the landfill. Landfills can build up with huge amounts of trash. It becomes smelly and it can cause air and water pollution too.

Remember the R's: Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

Reduce means to use less. Reuse means to use something more than once. Recycle means to make new items out of old ones. This helps keep the Earth clean.



REDUCING OUR IMPACT VOCABULARY

Reduce

To use less.

Reuse

To use the same thing more than once.

Recycle

To use old items to make new ones.

Pollution

When the environment is dirtied by waste and other harmful substances.

Natural Resource

Anything from nature that living things can use.

Landfill

A place where a lot of trash is buried.

QUESTIONS ABOUT REDUCING OUR IMPACT

Why should we recycle?

To keep land, water and air clean and to have enough resources so other people can enjoy them too.

What happens to items that are not recycled?

They end up in the trash. Then a garbage truck will move it to a landfill. At a landfill trash is buried and it can also be burned which leads to air pollution.

How is water affected by pollution?

Water can get dirty. Then we cannot use it for drinking, bathing and cooking. Animals and plants that live in the water may die.

How is air affected by pollution?

It gets dirty with chemicals and gases that cause smog. The air can be too dirty to breathe.

How is land affected by pollution?

Trash is unhealthy, and can make people, animals and plants sick. Chemicals on the land can wash into the water and cause pollution.

How does recycling impact the environment?

It helps save our natural resources. When we reduce, reuse, and recycle, we lessen our negative impact on the earth.
