



## America Recycles Day is November 15... ...but let's recycle every day!

### Why Recycle? It All Comes Back To You!

And thanks to you, there is more recycling and thousands of recycled products being made from materials that would otherwise pile up in our trash!

### Why It's Important

Recycling helps protect our resources, our environment, our quality of life.

**Air** - It takes energy and natural resources to create things (toys, paper, etc.) When we remove natural resources (minerals, oil, trees, etc.) from the Earth, it can harm the ecosystem. When we use energy (electricity, fuel, etc.) and resources to make things, air pollution is emitted. It takes less energy and resources to create things from recycled materials and helps protect the environment.

**Water** - Recycling is important for water too. Over 7,000 gallons of water are saved by recycling one ton of paper. That is enough water to take 195 baths.

**Weather** - Weather patterns move pollution from region to region. This allows waste to enter the water cycle, leading to things like acid rain or polluted rivers many miles from where it began. By reducing waste and pollution, our region and country will benefit from a healthy, cleaner environment.

**Plants & Animals** - Recycling happens every day in



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our yard's and wild spaces. Nature's recyclers include mushrooms who pulls food out of decaying plants and animals and return it to the soil. Lichens produce chemicals that help break down rocks and wood. This is called forest decomposition.

**Health** - A cleaner environment means cleaner air, land and water. All living things need to live in a clean environment.

### How It Works

Just like the water cycle and the forest decomposition cycle, recycling is all about keeping resources in the loop. There are three parts to the recycling cycle - collection, manufacturing, and buying items with recycled content in them. All of us play important part in the cycle. Encourage everyone in your family to recycle. When you recycle, make sure you get the right items in the your blue recycling bin. When you are shopping, look for items containing recycled materials.

### Do's and Don'ts of Recycling

It isn't rocket science, but there are guidelines to follow that can give recycling a boost. For the most up-to-date information, call the Recycling Hotline 625-6800, visit [www.solidwaste.org](http://www.solidwaste.org), or check out the Garbage and Recycling Guide in the new QwestDex phone book.



EnviroKids' Club is a way for you to team up with other kids in Spokane County -- exploring all aspects of the environment: air, water, weather, garbage & recycling, plants & animals, and you & your environment.

EnviroKids' Club members will receive an activity in the mail four times a year. Complete the activity, and return it to the Club Headquarters (address and form below) and you will earn points towards a special prize. Information about the new point system and the prizes will be sent soon. The EnviroKids' Club is for children in grades K-6, who live in Spokane County. EnviroKids' Club is an expansion of Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency's former Clean Air Kids' Club.

**MAIL COMPLETED ACTIVITY BY DECEMBER 21, 2007 TO: Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency, 1101 W. College, #403, Spokane, WA 99201.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

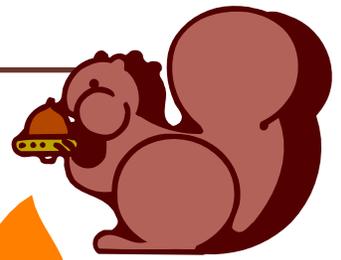
Home Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

My child has permission to participate in EnviroKids' Club activities and to have name/picture used in ads/website.

Parent Signature and Date \_\_\_\_\_

# Reduce, Reuse & Recycle!



## All Mixed Up!

The eight words below are all mixed up. Solve this word scramble, and learn what each word means. Hint - each of the words below are underlined somewhere on the front page.

1. EELCRCY  
(Clue: to reuse, especially by reducing to component parts or materials)  
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2. LRTNAUA SERCESUOR  
(Clue: not artificial, formed by nature)  
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3. TENEMVNINRO  
(Clue: the surroundings in which all things on Earth live)  
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4. EYNGRE  
(Clue: capacity to produce motion, heat)  
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5. RWEAT  
(Clue: transparent, odorless, tasteless fluid)  
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6. WREHEAT  
(Clue: the state of the atmosphere; hot, cold, dry, wet)  
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7. IRA  
(Clue: the earth's atmosphere)  
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8. EDONCOTIMPSIO  
(Clue: to break down)  
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**Build a Compost Pile**  
in your own backyard!

Learn how  
at the  
Compost Fair -  
October 20, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.  
@ Finch Arboretum.

Spokane County residents with ID can take home  
a compost bin. Or visit [www.solidwaste.org](http://www.solidwaste.org).

## “The Recycling Song”

(Sing to the tune of “A Yellow Submarine”)

Chorus:

We all live in a world that could be green.  
a world that could be green  
a world that could be clean.

If our friends down at the store  
used less Styrofoam,  
recycled more,  
cans of blue, and glass of green  
all would vanish in a crunching machine.

(Sing Chorus)

If our trash cans all had names  
mixing cans with paper is a shame  
we could sort  
the glass and then  
all our trash would be used again.

(Sing Chorus)

## Did you know?

- Composting is nature’s way of recycling.
- Compost conserves water by keeping water in the soil.
- Using compost in your garden discourages the use of chemicals that pollute.
- Worms help make compost. Build a worm compost bin at home!
  1. Buy or make a wood, metal or plastic tub that is 1’ d x 2’ w x 3’ l.
  2. Add bedding, such as shredded newspaper, corrugated cardboard, or peat moss.
  3. Add red worms (find them by digging through old compost piles/ yard waste, or purchase at bait shops) and feed them your fruit and vegetable scraps. Keep compost bin at room temperature (55-77 degrees). For more information on worm composting, visit [www.solidwaste.org](http://www.solidwaste.org).