



# Recycle - Get Involved!

## America Recycles Day is November 15

-- with many ways to celebrate....

During November think about Recycling -- and act with these activities.



### Take the ARD pledge -

(Go to: [www.americarecyclesday.org](http://www.americarecyclesday.org))

*For America Recycles Day 2011, I pledge to:*

*Learn. About the recycling options in my community. I will find out what materials are collected for recycling in my community at [www.solidwaste.org](http://www.solidwaste.org)*

*Act. Reduce my personal waste by recycling. Within the next month, I will start to recycle one new type of material.*



*A simple declaration, a simple act. But it's one that has the power to change the world.*



### America Recycles Day @ MOBIUS Kids -

**Friday, November 11, 11 am- 3 pm**

Come and participate in these activities...

- Make your own piece of recycled paper
- Explore a bin of worms
- Play a recycling sort game
- Create a recycling symbol using a mobius strip
- Use a magnet to attract cans

(Lower level River Park Square-Normal admission charges apply. EnviroKids Club members who identify themselves at the front desk will receive \$1 off admission.)



### View Posters on Display -

Art work by the 33 finalists in the Spokane Regional Solid Waste System's Poster Contest are on display at River Park Square (second level Rotunda) until November 16. Poster theme: "I Recycle. Do You? Get Involved"

Take a photo of yourself at the Poster Display.

### Recycling at Home



Take a photo of you and your family recycling.



**What might be even more important than Recycling?**  
While you are **Recycling** -- take action steps to:  
**Reduce** = make less garbage in the first place.  
**Reuse** = use something again for a different purpose.

## Recycling is the natural thing to do! Get Involved!

Recycling is all about keeping resources in the loop – a natural resource (like a tree) is first used to make paper for magazines, art work or school work. Then when you recycle that paper, it becomes a resource to make a new piece of paper or another useful product. The same process works for bottles and cans and a whole lot more. Recycling helps conserve our natural resources and protect the environment. Recycling reduces air pollution and water pollution, and the amount of trees that are cut from our forests.

Recycling is the easiest thing we all can do every day to save energy, conserve natural resources and create green jobs. Recycling also avoids greenhouse gas emissions – reducing our carbon footprint.

To learn more about what you can recycle in Spokane go to: [www.solidwaste.org](http://www.solidwaste.org) or call the Recycling Hot Line, 625-6800.



Did you plant Ponderosa Pines on Oct. 22 with the Lands Council? Be sure to send us your picture to get your points.

## Kids Decorate their own Reusable Lunch Bags at Kids' Day in August



Are you making Waste Free Lunches? Here are some tips....

- Use reusable containers or bags.
- Skip juice boxes and use reusable or recyclable beverage containers (if your school doesn't recycle, you may need to take those home).
- Avoid cracker packages and single-serving sizes.
- Remember to take things home!

Send in a picture of you with your waste free lunch



## Community Calendar

### November

- 11 America Recycles Day @ MOBIUS Kids (see page 1 for ways to earn points)
- 25 National Buy Nothing Day

December-Think of ways to Reduce waste during the holidays.

January-2012 -Resolve to Recycle more in the New Year!

### February

- 4 Dig It: Secrets of Soil exhibit opens at the MAC (until Sept. 22)
- 12 I Love Clean Air Day @ MOBIUS Kids 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## Did You Know?!?!?

Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to run a TV for three hours

- a 64% energy savings,
- a 58% water savings, and
- 60 pounds less of air pollution!



Nature recycles all the time - and you can help when you put grass, leaves and food scraps in a **compost** pile. The finished material can be added to your **garden** to help your **vegetables** grow. Pick your fresh food to eat!

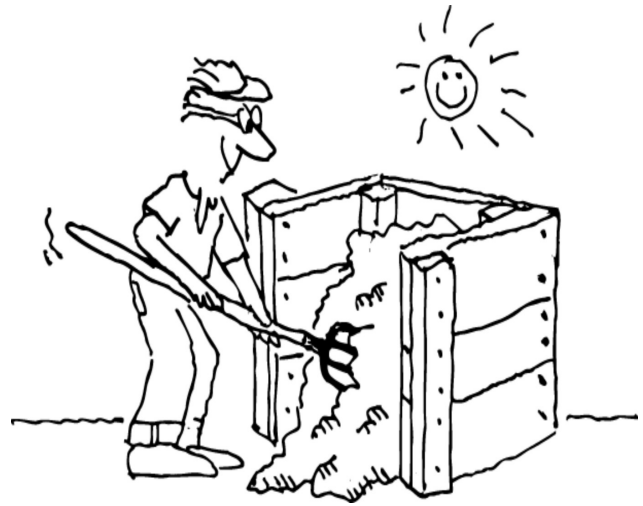


# Word Fun

Change LEAF to FOOD in 5 easy steps:  
only one letter will change on each line.

Color your compost!

L    E    A    F  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 L    \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 F    \_\_\_\_\_  
 F    O    \_\_\_\_\_    D



How does Nature turn a Leaf into Food? Unscramble these words and fill in the blanks in the story below to find out how! (Hint: Read "Did You Know" on page 2)

P S O C T M O    \_\_\_\_\_  
 D G E A R N    \_\_\_\_\_  
 W O R G    \_\_\_\_\_  
 K C P I    \_\_\_\_\_  
 E G A T V E B L E S    \_\_\_\_\_

Put yard debris (LEAF, grass, etc) into a \_\_\_\_\_ bin.  
 After all of that decomposes, add the humus to your  
 \_\_\_\_\_. Plant your seeds and watch your plants  
 \_\_\_\_\_. Harvest (or \_\_\_\_\_) your favorite  
 \_\_\_\_\_ -- FOOD for your table!

# Aluminum Math

Read "Did You Know" on page 2. Then compute --

- How many aluminum cans do you & your family recycle in one week? \_\_\_\_\_
- How many hours of energy to run TV is saved per can? X \_\_\_\_\_
- Multiply to find the number of hours that your cans could run a TV \_\_\_\_\_

Complete & send in this page

5 points



**EnviroKids' Club**

EnviroKids' Club  
c/o National Weather Service  
2601 N. Rambo Rd.  
Spokane, WA 99224

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## EnviroKids'... caring for the Earth

EnviroKids' Club provides its 250+ members with information and activities to explore aspects of the environment: air, water, weather, garbage and recycling, plants and animals. The Club is open to all Spokane County residents who are in grades K-6.

Club members receive a newsletter in the mail four times a year. The newsletter contains activities to complete and ideas for activities at home or in the community. Members who are interested can complete activities and/or participate in some of the events to earn points. Earned points can then be used to trade-in for prizes. Members need to participate in at least one activity per year to receive newsletters. For more information, visit [www.spokaneenvirokids.org](http://www.spokaneenvirokids.org).

**To earn points, mail your completed activities by January 5, 2012, to:**

EnviroKids' Club c/o National Weather Service  
2601 N. Rambo Rd. Spokane, WA 99224

*Complete the activities in the newsletter, fill in this form and send it back to us to earn your points! Do you have a friend or sibling who would like to join Envirokids' Club? Copy this page for them to send in and be added to our mailing list.*

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

Home Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

My child has permission to participate in EnviroKids' Club activities that I accompany him/her to and permission is granted to use his/her photo that may be taken at such event, for promoting the Club (newsletter, flyers, ads, website, etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature. Please print name, then sign and date

*EnviroKids' Club Partners: National Weather Service, Spokane Conservation District, Spokane County Water Resources, Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency, Spokane Regional Solid Waste System, WA State Department of Ecology and West Valley Outdoor Learning Center.*