

Kids & Recycling

If you want your kids to be environmentally responsible when they grow up, you've got to teach them to recycle while they're still young. Fortunately, teaching kids the value of recycling can be lots of fun.

Make Recycling Fun for Kids

It's more important than ever that we **establish good recycling habits** to take care of the planet. It's also important to **teach kids to recycle**. However, you don't have to make every recycling activity you do with the kids into a chore. By engaging in fun recycling activities with your kids, you can help them to **develop a positive attitude about recycling**. Doing this will increase the chances that **kids will grow up to become adults who recycle as much as they can**.



Recycling Activities for Kids

Try inventing games that involve recycling. For example, when you're sorting the recyclables with the kids, have them **toss non-breakable recyclable items** such as plastic bottles into the bins from a short distance to see if they can **get a "basket."**

Another game is to have the kids name several ideas about **how to reuse the items in the recycling bin**. Provide the winner of these games with a small prize.

<http://www.brighthub.com/environment/green-living/articles/33691.aspx>

Make Art from Recycled Materials

Since most recycled materials are very cheap or free, they can significantly reduce the cost of your art projects. It also takes less energy to reuse materials than to recycle them into something new. Making recycled art is a particularly good activity to do together with your kids. It can help them to learn about art and about recycling to protect the planet.



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