

Teach Grownups About Trash



From Kids for Saving Earth

So What's The Problem?

There's *only* so much space on Earth.

And there is way too much trash.

We bundle up lots of bags of trash each week. Factories, hospitals, and all businesses create tons of trash every day.

We're running out of land for landfills (garbage dumps). Some of the trash we make is dangerous. It's called hazardous waste and disposing of it improperly can hurt the land, the air and the water.

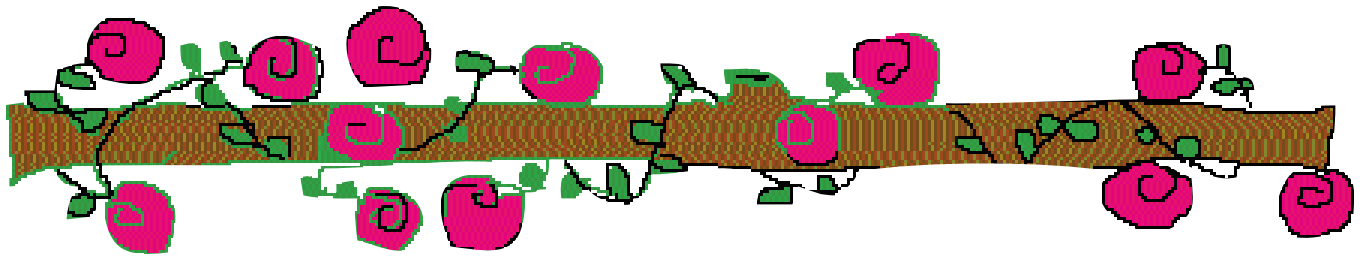
These are big Earth problems, but working together we can solve some of them.

What's the Answer?

YOU

The answer is you! There are lots of things grownups and kids can do to make less trash and to dispose of it safely. All this will help keep our Earth beautiful and healthy. So we need you to learn the Earth-saving lessons in this program and then teach your adult friends the same information. Have them sign the form "I have learned my lesson" on page 3 and return it to your instructor. Keep a record of how many adults you have educated and email the total to KSE.





Let's Talk Less Trash

1. Reduce and Reuse.

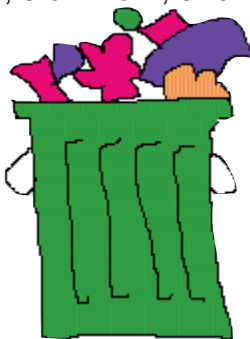
Buying less is one of the best ways to reduce trash. Like buying toys or food that is packaged in the smallest amount of packaging, or none at all. Don't buy stuff that you'll need to throw away, like paper plates or plastic utensils. Also, there are lots of ways to reuse items instead of filling up our trash cans. Reusing items bought at garage sales is a good idea! We can pack "Earth safe" lunches with reusable lunch bags.

Rechargeable batteries can be used over and over. Washable dishes can be used for years. Reuse a sponge for cleaning up spills instead of paper towels. How many shopping bags or plastic bags do you collect each week? Use reusable ones instead and help the Earth.

2. Recycle.

Recycle means making stuff that would otherwise become trash into useful items. Park benches and building materials and even clothes can be made out of recycled soda bottles. Old paper can be made into new paper so be sure not to throw paper (even junk mail) into your trash.

Recycle it! Soup cans can be made into something new- like a swing set. So don't throw them away. Recycle them! New things are becoming recyclable each year. Did you know that juice boxes are recyclable in some cities? Be an internet detective and learn where you can recycle plastic bags, styrofoam, glass, plastic bottles, steel, aluminum, and newspapers in your city.



3. Shop Green.

When you shop, check out the Earth safe items before you check out. Look for products made out of recycled materials or are reusable and can be easily recycled. School notebooks, napkins, toilet tissue, paper towels and all kinds of paper products are made out of recycled paper. Even toys can be made from recycled plastic. Buying green also means buying household products that are not toxic or hazardous. Some cleaning supplies as well as paints and cleaning products are very hard to dispose of and can hurt the Earth and the people on it. Read labels carefully.



I Love Green!



4. Compost Power.

At home or working with your school find a spot to make a compost pile. It's a way to turn dead leaves and plants and even certain kitchen scraps into rich "power dirt" instead of dumping it into your garbage. Every few weeks add a little water to the pile and mix it all up. In a few months your "power dirt" will look like soil and act like a fertilizer for your lawn or garden. When you mow your grass, you should keep grass clippings on the lawn, not in the trash. It's good for the lawn! In some communities, some of the big stuff like large branches can be dropped at composting centers. Check it out! For more details search the internet for composting in your community.

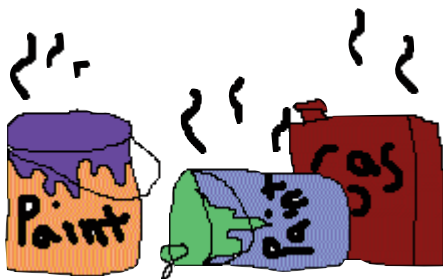
5. Hazardous Waste.

This is garbage that is really bad stuff. It can make the air we breathe, the water we drink and the land we live on unsafe. In fact, we still don't know everything about how dangerous certain garbage can be. We're learning new things every day. But let's be safe, not sorry. To protect our planet, please don't throw items such as bleach, batteries, aerosol containers, antifreeze, gasoline, household cleaners, fluorescent bulbs, pesticides, oil, paint, paint thinner, or nail polish remover in your trash can. This kind of waste can be dangerous. We don't want it in the landfills because it can filter into the ground water. We don't want it burned because it can make the air we breathe unsafe.

Finally we don't want to use toxic products because toxins like pesticides, anti bacterial soaps and many more items can make us and the Earth sick. Learn more by ordering KSE's Healthy home book.

To help protect the air we breathe:

1. Keep all hazardous or toxic waste out of trash.
2. Recycle everything possible so there is less trash.
3. Write or call your government leaders to be sure they know you strongly support clean air laws



Ya, Especially the PEST-a-sides

This is Yucky stuff.

Don't Worm your way out of Composting

The KSE Promise
The Earth is my home
I promise to keep it
healthy and beautiful
I will love the land, the air, the water,
And all living creatures.
I will be a defender of my planet.
United with friends, I will save the Earth.



6. The Neighborhood Challenge.

Some of us live in neighborhoods that have great recycling programs with curbside pickups, hazardous waste drop off sites, and more. But, some of us live in areas that aren't thinking "Earth," and unbelievably, either aren't using these programs or don't have pollution control programs available. You can make a difference! Educate your neighbors and convince them to use these services. Talk to your city leaders and ask them to provide all that your neighborhood needs to protect our precious Earth.



7. Be Earth Active.

All by ourselves there is so much we can all do to make this planet a healthier place to live, but joining together in groups makes our actions even stronger. Helping the Earth can even be fun! Joining Kids for Saving Earth is one way kids can unite to protect the Earth. [Click here to join!](#) Adults can help advise KSE Kids. There are also good Earth-loving groups that adults can join like [BeyondPesticides.org](#) and [HealthyChild.org](#).

I've Learned My Earth Saving Lessons About Trash!

Adults should say KSE Promise and sign here.