

Instructions for Earth Day...Every Day!

1. Cut out and laminate all of the cards.
2. Discuss the term cards below and how they apply to the life of a child.
3. Read and look at each of the picture cards.
4. Invite questions and discussions on how the examples in the picture cards might apply to their lives.
5. Sort the picture cards under the categories of Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Upcycle, and Protect.
6. Allow the children to collect images (cut out from used magazines, or hand drawn pictures) to create their own sorting cards under the categories Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Upcycle, and Protect.
7. [Consider using our "Recycling Matters" material to further investigate these concepts.](#)

Term Cards

Reduce

- use less of

Reuse

- use more than once

Recycle

- convert waste into a reusable item

Upcycle

- convert waste into a new item

Protect

- keep the environment safe



Earth Day ... Every Day!



plant a tree



switch off lights



pick up litter



use cloth bags to shop



grow a vegetable garden



unplug electronics



ride a bicycle instead of driving



use a reusable water bottle



use cloth napkins instead of paper



reuse materials for crafts



find a new purpose for old materials



sort used items



compost food scraps



use a toy swap to obtain "new" toys



give used clothing to those in need