

Hi, kids!

Do you have a birthday? Of course you do. What do you do on your birthday? **CELEBRATE!**

Birthdays are a day to celebrate that each person is special. Did you know that there is a day we celebrate our planet? It's called Earth Day! This is a day to celebrate the planet's matchless qualities. Earth Day is like a birthday for our planet!

But what exactly is Earth Day? On April 22, people from all over the world unite to recognize, remember, and appreciate nature. It's a great day to learn about ways to protect the environment and to help keep the planet clean.

Would you like to help make the world a better place? I believe you would! So here are some tips to improve your own home and community:

- ▶ Look for recycling symbols on products your family buys. Purchase items in recyclable packaging whenever possible. Avoid products that use too many layers of packaging.
- ▶ Encourage your parents to use reusable shopping bags. Instead of nagging your parents, grab the bags and carry them into the store yourself!
- ▶ Take shorter showers to conserve (save) water.
- ▶ Don't leave the water running while brushing your teeth or washing your face.
- ▶ Turn off lights and electronics when you leave the room. And, more importantly, unplug all electronics from the wall when going on a vacation.
- ▶ Try to have things fixed instead of buying new items from the store.
- ▶ Have mom and dad check for air leaks around windows and doors to help save money on energy bills and natural resources.

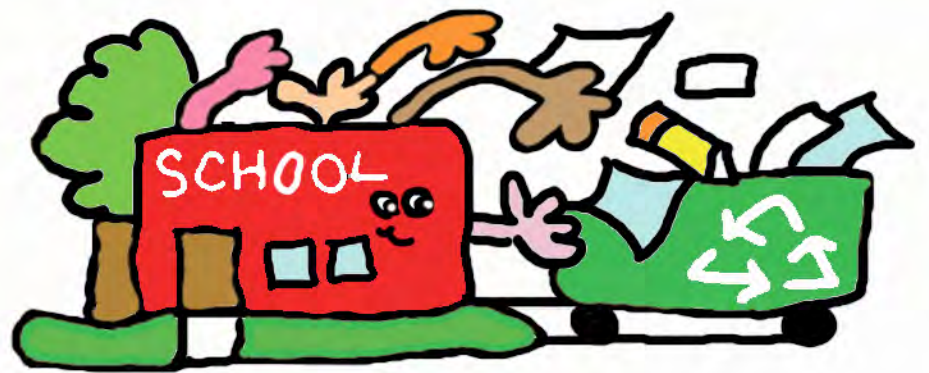


- ▶ Also have them fix leaky faucets, which are a waste of water and money.
- ▶ Instead of cleaning up spills with paper towels, use a dish rag.
- ▶ Go out into the neighborhood or even your own yard and pick up the trash that was left behind by winter winds.
- ▶ Have mom and dad call the local recycling facility to learn how to recycle broken electronics, light

- bulbs, batteries, paint, and household chemicals.
- ▶ Get rid of old medicine safely—don't put it in the trash or flush it down the toilet. Instead, drop it off at one of the four safe disposal days this year. Have your parents call us at 452-2274 for details.
- ▶ Always try to recycle while on vacation or at fairs and festivals. Look for recycling bins or ask whether recycling is available.

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Director of Howard County Recycling District



Keep up the good recycling!

Every school in Howard County recycles. Find your school on this list to see how it measured up to others in 2012. These are the total pounds of recyclables collected at each school:

Bon Air – 77,539	Maple Crest – 71,248
Boulevard – 31,572	McKinley – 5,877
Central Middle – 51,145	Northwestern Elementary – 65,908
Darrough Chapel – 52,064	Northwestern Mid/High – 83,418
Eastern Administration – 9,311	Pettit Park – 50,036
Eastern Elementary – 23,685	Redeemer Lutheran – 8,155
Eastern High – 5,899	Sycamore – 75,897
Elwood Haynes – 72,288	Taylor Intermediate – 69,792
Howard Elementary – 23,685	Taylor Mid/High – 118,363
Ivy Tech – 13,687	Taylor Primary – 71,211
Kokomo Administration – 24,038	Wallace – 8,537
Kokomo Christian – 8,723	Western Intermediate – 44,087
Kokomo High – 121,911	Western Mid/High – 78,173
Lafayette Park – 54,712	Western Primary – 38,952
Lincoln – 2,634	

DO YOU

Instructions:

List these items made from aluminum in order from smallest to largest.

- Bicycle
- Foil baking pan
- Pop can
- Rail car

SEE ME NOW!



ORDER... ORDER!

After Anna and Dylan wrote the instructions for an after-school litter cleanup, the papers fell on the floor and got all mixed up. Help Anna and Dylan by numbering the instructions in order.

- Put on your gloves before going outside.
- Take your full recycling bucket and your litter bag to the bins outside Door #7.
- Remove your gloves and wash your hands.
- Tie your litter bag shut.
- Outside Door #5, pick up a bucket for recycling.
- After the bell, pick up your gloves and bag in the Media Center.
- Place recyclables, such as water bottles and pop cans, into the bucket and put trash into the bag.
- Before you go home, stop in the lunchroom for a snack and drink.
- Give your permission slip to your classroom teacher at least one day before the cleanup.
- Exit Door #5 to the playground.
- Wear tennis shoes on the day of the cleanup.

ORDER!

SORT IT OUT

Jillian has just taken a job at the plant where recyclables are sorted. She is supposed to sort materials into the proper bins. She's in a hurry today, so she needs your help. For each material, locate the proper bin. Write the letter of the column and the number of the row for each item.

- 2-liter bottle A1
- Milk jug _____
- Shipping box _____
- Green bean can _____
- Notebook paper _____
- Cola can _____
- Cereal box _____
- Spaghetti sauce jar _____
- Sunday newspaper _____
- Laundry detergent jug _____



- Sports drink bottle _____
- Teen magazine _____
- Soup can _____
- Tissue box _____
- Juice drink can _____
- Junk mail _____
- Pickle jar _____
- Refrigerator box _____
- Clothing catalog _____
- Sports magazine _____

	A	B	C
1	PET (#1) Plastic Bottles	HDPE (#2) Plastic Jugs	Glass Jars
2	Aluminum Cans	Steel Cans	Corrugated Boxes
3	Magazines and Catalogs	Paperboard Boxes	Newspaper and Other Papers

DIVIDE & CONQUER

Instructions: Read the questions. Then follow the instructions to create number sentences and find the correct answers.

What percentage of aluminum ever produced is still being recycled and turned into new products?

Add the numbers from this list that are evenly divisible by 3 and 5 to get the answer:

- 18, 21, 30, 35, 42, 45, 54



How many days does it take for a recycled can to be made into a new can and put back on the store shelf?

Add the numbers from this list that are evenly divisible by 6 to get the answer:

- 6, 10, 12, 16, 18, 22, 24, 28, 32

the right word

Instructions: Circle the correct word for each sentence.

1. "Look at the water bottles in that trash bin," said Christopher. "What a _____!"
waist waste
2. The prairie grass in the park came up to his _____.
waist waste
3. Thirty-three empty pop cans _____ one pound.
weigh way
4. Christopher asked, "Which _____ is the recycling center?"
weigh way

REMEMBER WHEN

What year was the first Earth Day celebrated?—

1. $10 \times 5 = \underline{\quad}$ $100 \div 5 = \underline{\quad}$
The only number that is in both answers is _____
Write this number in the ones place.
2. $3 \times 7 = \underline{\quad}$ $162 \div 2 = \underline{\quad}$
The only number that is in both answers is _____
Write this number in the thousands place.
3. $7 \times 7 = \underline{\quad}$ $72 \div 8 = \underline{\quad}$
The only number that is in both answers is _____
Write this number in the hundreds place.
4. $9 \times 3 = \underline{\quad}$ $85 \div 5 = \underline{\quad}$
The only number that is in both answers is _____
Write this number in the tens place.

The year was _____

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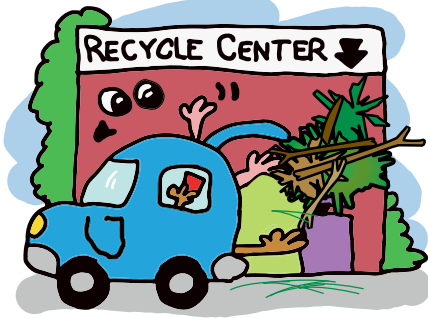
Instructions: Circle the correct answer.

If factories need 300,000 cans but only 250,000 cans are available from recyclers, what will happen to the price of cans?

- Stay the same
- Increase
- Decrease

Did you know?

The Recycling District operates a yard waste recycling facility, which is located at 1130 S. Dixon Road. People living in Howard County can drop off grass clippings, leaves, and tree limbs at this facility. It opens on April 1. The hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Have your parents or grandparents call our office at 452-2274 with any questions.



Out with the old

Is your room or closet full of toys that you don't play with anymore? Consider giving away your old toys, games, books, and stuffed animals. Just let your parents know that you would like to sort through your stuff and give some of the things you don't need to kids who can use them. Goodwill and the Salvation Army accept usable items, as do some churches, day care centers, and shelters that serve families. It will feel pretty good to give away something that other kids will have fun using.



Good recycling takes practice

When you are doing math or playing soccer or singing, you get better with practice. The same is true of recycling. The more you practice recycling, the better you get! In fact, you might get so good at it that you become the go-to person for family members and friends who have recycling questions.

Here are the things you need to know to start practicing your recycling:



What can I recycle?

- ◆ Aluminum beverage cans, such as pop and juice cans
- ◆ Steel cans, including food, soup, pet food, and "tin" cans
- ◆ Plastic bottles, jugs, and containers, such as pop bottles, water bottles, milk jugs, shampoo bottles, detergent jugs, yogurt cups, sour cream tubs, clear plastic boxes that held fruit or cookies, and even plastic drink cups (NO Styrofoam)
- ◆ Glass bottles and jars that once held food or beverages, such as pop bottles, baby food jars, and pickle jars
- ◆ Newspapers
- ◆ Magazines and catalogs
- ◆ School papers, printer and copier paper, and mail
- ◆ Paperboard, such as empty cereal and gift boxes
- ◆ Corrugated cardboard, such as shipping boxes

When and where do I recycle?

The Recycling District has 15 drop-off recycling stations: UAW 685, Kokomo Street Department, UCT parking lot, Marsh

Supermarket (south), Kokomo Sport Bowl, Western High School, Northwestern High School, Kokomo High School, Greentown Fairgrounds, Taylor Fire Department (Indian Heights), K-Mart, Sam's Club, Ivy Tech, Russiaville Town Hall, and Elm Street (across from Moore's Pie Shop)

Greentown has curbside recycling. With curbside recycling, your family saves time and gas because you don't have to drive to the recycling drop-off center. If you live in Greentown, call the Town Hall to get the recycling schedule and other details.



How do I prepare my recyclables?

Empty all food and drink containers. Use a spatula to clean out peanut butter jars and sour cream tubs. Rinse containers and then turn them upside down to let them drip-dry. When you clean out your bottles, jugs, and containers, you help keep our recyclables clean and useful. Dirty recyclables can be rejected by factories, so don't let that happen to our recycling!

Paper products should be clean. Break down and flatten boxes. Remember—paper and boxes soaked with grease or covered in sticky, spilled food should go into the trash.

Why should I recycle?



Recycling keeps usable resources out of landfills. Making new products from recyclables uses less energy and creates less pollution. Recycling also helps create jobs.

For more information, call us 456-2274 or visit www.countyrecycling.org.



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