



Getting Their Little Hands Dirty: Hands-On Recycling Activities For Kids

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Teaching young children about Earth Day will help to protect the Earth for years to come, and the trash pile is a great place to start! Make reusing and recycling fun by letting them get their little hands dirty. They'll show a greater interest in conservation and absorb the knowledge like daisies taking in water!

No matter the age of your children, there are tons of inexpensive, hands-on activities to get them excited about Earth Day. Items around the house can inspire the day's activities and create an opportunity to teach them about giving old waste a new life.

That trash pile has never looked more appealing!

Earth Day Family Activities

- Decorate **RECYCLING BINS** for different materials (glass, paper, etc.).
- Start a **COMPOST BIN** at home.
- Sing **FUN SONGS** about recycling (i.e. Jack Johnson's "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle").
- Play **FLASHLIGHT GAMES** in the dark (spend an hour without electricity).
- Make **FLOWER VASES/COIN BANKS** from empty butter, sour cream or yogurt containers.
- Collect seeds from fruits to **PLANT** together.
- Make **DYED GLASS LUMINARIES** from empty baby jars and homemade paint.
- Create **PAPIER-MÂCHÉ** globes.
- Build a recyclable **BIRD FEEDER** from plastic soda bottles.
- Turn off the TV and **PLAY OUTSIDE!**
- Plan and prepare a meal with **ORGANIC, UNPROCESSED FOODS**.
- Eat Earth Day **"DIRT CUPS"**—chocolate pudding, cookie crumbles and gummy worms.
- Create **MINI GLOBES** out of blue and green Play-Doh.
- TIE-DYE** Earth Day hard-boiled eggs by using blue, green and yellow natural food coloring.
- Give a **REUSABLE** water bottle to each family member, then decorate them together.
- FEED THE DUCKS** with leftover bread crusts from today's lunch.