



Activities

Celebrate Earth Day this month (4/22) by learning about how to *Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle* materials that we use in our everyday lives.

Activity 1: See if you know how long different items take to break down naturally if not recycled.

Activity 2: Learn how to [upcycle an old t-shirt into a reusable bag](#).

Activity 3: Go outside on a “Conservation Scavenger Hunt”, how many things can you find?

Activity 1: How long does it sit?

Each one of these every day items end up in our landfills or littered on the ground and take a very long time to break down. Match each item with how long it takes to decompose.

Item

Time to decompose

Paper

a. 500 years to infinity

Glass Bottle

b. 1000 years

Aluminum Can

c. 80-200 years

Plastic Bag

d. 2-6 months

Styrofoam Cup

e. 1 million years

Answer Key: Paper (d); Glass Bottle (e); Aluminum Can (c); Plastic Bag (b); Styrofoam Cup (a)





Activity 3:

Scavenger Hunt

April
Recycling

Look for an *animal* outside

Draw it below

List 3 ways to *conserve water*

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Find a *plant blooming* outside

Draw it below

Find 3 items in your home
that can be *recycled*

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Find a *tree* outside

Draw it below

One way people can help nature

Find 3 pieces of *litter* outside
and pick them up to throw away

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Find an item that you
can *upcycle*

Find a *bird* outside

Draw it below

List one thing to *thank a tree* for

List one way to *save electricity*

List one habit you can
change to help nature.

