

WASTE NOT - WANT NOT



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This activity focus on understanding and appreciating the value of our natural resources.

We want to remember that we have a responsibility to chose in protecting our natural resources so that there are available for years to come.

List 5 different ways people are protecting and limiting the use of natural resources

ANSWERS: turning the tap off when brushing your teeth, recycling at home, buying items that can be recycled or reused, conserving energy at home when turning out the lights when not in a room, buying local products when possible



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How does Mother Nature recycle?

Mother nature is a pro at recycling, through a process called **decomposition**. This is a process when natural material break down or come apart.

What animals or insects help with decomposition?

Flies, beetles, worms, even large scavengers like opossums, raccoons and turkey vultures help with decomposition. Tiny bacteria and fungi are also import for decomposition

VOCABULARY

Renewable: having the capability of replenishing itself

Recyclable: can be used again, usually broken down and built into a new product.

Biodegradable: can be broken down or decomposed by natural means.

Natural Resources: this we use that come from the earth.

Landfills: places in our communities where garbage is unloaded and then covered over with dirt and packed down

Decompose: to decay or come apart

Organic: materials made of carbon; mad of living matter

Compost: a collection of organic scraps and garbage that decomposes and becomes good fertilizer



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All the words below deal with protecting and preserving our natural resources. Unscramble as many as you can!

1. CCYEELRD

2. UREESD

3. NWBERELAE

4. IODBBEGARLDAE

5. DLLSALNIF

6. MCTOOP

7. GORACIN

8. CEDOPMSOE

9. SITRESBILIPONY

ANSWERS ARE ON THE NEXT PAGE,
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| 5. DLLSALNIF | LANDFILLS |
| 6. MCTOOPS | COMPOST |
| 7. GORACIN | ORGANIC |
| 8. CEDOPMSOE | DECOMPOSE |
| 9. SITRESBILIPONY | RESPONSIBILITY |
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