

Recycling & Waste Reduction

Activities and Resources

The GRAB Trust
GROUP FOR RECYCLING IN ARGYLL &
DUFF

Activity	What happens / learning outcomes	Materials
The Recycling Game	Giant-size floor game designed to improve children's knowledge of recycling issues.	The Recycling Game, cards, board etc
What's Rubbish?	Board game for small groups based on deciding which items can be recycled and which must be binned.	What's Rubbish games (x2)
Waste audit	Children carry out a waste audit on the school, weighing amounts of different types of waste produced over several days.	Waste audit sheets Scales
Recycling paper	Children learn how to turn scrap paper into new paper using a paper-making kit.	Paper-making kit
Paper Recycling Quiz	Children work in teams to answer the quiz questions on paper recycling	Quiz sheets
Packaging audit	Children review a selection of packaging and note what the packaging is made of, how many layers of packaging there are, whether or not it can be recycled etc.	Audit sheets Items of packaging
School Eco-Code	Children discuss and draw up an Eco-Code for their school. They can then make posters showing the Eco-Code	Examples of Eco-codes Paper Art materials
Reuse Challenge	Children (working in groups) are shown a collection of reusable items. As a team they think of as many ways to reuse each item as they can. They get a point for each idea.	Collection of reusable items: eg. margarine tub, jam jar, newspaper, cardboard box, CD, yoghurt pot
Rubbish Quiz #1	True / false quiz to test children's understanding of recycling issues and for use as a tool for discussion.	Rubbish Quiz sheets

Rubbish Quiz #2	Multiple choice quiz to test children's understanding of recycling issues and for use as a tool for discussion.	Rubbish Quiz sheets
Recycling Snakes and Ladders	Board game for small groups of children. Includes questions about recycling.	Snakes and Ladders board Dice and counters Question cards
Recycle, Compost or Bin It?	Sorting game for teams. The teams sort images of various items into recycling bins, compost bins or rubbish bins. The teams' choices can then be compared. Can any of these items be reused instead?	Sets of images Recycling, compost and rubbish 'bins' (outlines on A2 paper)
Litter Survey (Approx. half an hour)	Children carry out a survey of litter items placed along a path or in the playground. They fill in survey sheets and decide whether each item could be composted or recycled.	Litter items Survey sheets
Who Wants to be a Millionaire? Recycling Quiz	A recycling quiz in the style of 'Who Wants to be a Millionaire' to be played in teams.	Scoreboard Question cards
Recycle Runaround (P1 – 3)	A version of 'musical chairs' that helps younger children think about the kinds of materials that can be recycled.	Picture cards