



Green Your School www.EarthDay.net

Organize a clean-up day for your school and the surrounding area. Beautification projects such as tree plantings are quick solutions to many common problems.



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Start a recycling program for your school. If you already have one, evaluate the current program to find new ways to reduce waste and conserve more materials.

Organize to have healthy food served at your school and reduce the availability of junk food, sodas, and other unhealthy options, as well as choosing reusable utensils, trays, and dishes in the cafeteria.

Collect used printer, fax, and copier cartridges to recycle.

Organize Earth Day events for your school on April 22nd to better educate you, your school, and your community on the environment. Find info at www.earthday.net



Walk or bike to school and invite your friends to join you. If you do not have bicycle racks or a safe route to school, tell your school and local officials to add bike racks, safety courses or clubs, and a pedestrian/bike friendly trail to school.

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School is the place for learning, so become educated on environmental issues in all subject matters. Encourage your teachers and school to include environmental themes and lessons into your daily learning routine, such as inviting experts to speak and watching documentaries in class. Find lesson plans at www.earthday.net

Create an environmental mascot for your school. Hold a classroom contest to see who can come up with the best mascot and slogan.

On Earth Day, have everyone write down one way to help the Earth. Take them to your principal and start a daily Help the Earth PA announcement.



Put on a play, such as "Walden," about the spirit and/or importance of honoring the Earth. Find out more at <http://earthday.net>

Have a contest to monitor the amount of trash each class creates after lunch (the same can be done with recycling). Keep a graph for about a week to see which class overall disposes the least amount of trash (or recycles the most).



Talk to your principal and maintenance staff! Oftentimes, more knowledge and potential for change is available from your school's staff than anyone else. Inquire about non-toxic cleaning products and recyclable materials. Find out what pesticides or chemicals are sprayed on school grounds.

Perform an energy audit with your on-site managers to determine your electricity's source and potential for renewable energy. Examine your school's air quality and ventilation, or investigate the possibility of creating a green roof for your school. And remember teachers and/or the school board can be involved in making your school a Green School.