



The three R's have a whole new meaning today! People all over the world are working hard to take better care of the planet. It's important we do our part! Below are some ways you can help leave our planet a little cleaner. Can you think of other ways to help in your home? List them below and bring to your favorite Macatawa Bank location for a special prize.

REDUCE: Cut back on the amount of materials you use. Ways to reduce:

- Don't run water when brushing teeth.
- Turn lights, computers, and televisions off when you leave a room.
- Use both sides of a piece of paper.

The way I can reduce at home is: _____

REUSE: Use material over again for the same or different purpose. Ways to reuse:

- Decorate empty coffee cans and reuse them as containers for crayons and small toys.
- Use glass jars as flower vases.
- Old stained clothes make great cleaning rags.

The way I can reuse at home is: _____

RECYCLE: Use materials over again for another purpose. Ways to recycle:

- Make a book cover from a paper bag and decorate the cover.
- Collect newspapers and magazines; give to a charity raising money for a special cause.
- Wash and reuse plastic food containers for leftovers.

The way I can recycle at home is: _____

There are many other ways we can help keep our Earth clean. Can you think of other ways people can reduce, reuse, and recycle things in their home?

members

Moolah Member _____
 Date _____ Age _____ Grade _____
 Parent Signature _____

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Date Received _____
 Employee _____
 Responsibility Code _____

****Remember Kids - It doesn't matter when you turn in your finished games, but you may only turn in each game once!**

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LIVING GREEN SAVES OUR PLANET AND OUR RESOURCES

DID YOU KNOW...

GLASS

- You could light a 100-watt bulb for 4 hours with the energy saved by recycling just ONE glass bottle.

METAL

- Every year, in the United States, the amount of steel discarded and not recycled is enough to build ALL the new American-made cars.

PAPER

- Americans use more than **67 million** tons of paper per year, that equals about 580 pounds per person.
- American's trash is made up of approximately **40%** paper products.
- Only **25%** of a tree that is harvested for paper is used to make paper products.
- **70%** less energy is used to make paper made from recycled paper.

PLASTIC

- **40 million** plastic bottles are used by Americans every hour! - Yet only ONE bottle out of 4 is recycled.

MORE FACTS...

- Each year one tree can filter up to **60 pounds** of pollutants from the air.
- **900 million** trees are cut down each year to provide raw materials for American paper and pulp mills.
- Americans throw away **25 trillion** Styrofoam cups each year.
- The world's water supply that is usable is only **1%**; 2% is frozen and 97% is in the ocean.

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