

How can someone create a recycling plan at home? Length: 20 minutes

Materials needed: Whiteboard, chalkboard, pencils, recycling props, bins,  
handouts: "Family Recycling Meeting Form" and "Family's Recycling Achievements."

Procedure:

Students are given this procedure to assist their success in organizing a recycling plan at home.

1. Invite all family members to attend a recycling meeting. Use the handout titled "Family Recycling Meeting Form."
2. Discuss ways to deliver recycling. Find out when recycling is picked up in your area. If you live out of the city the 3005 Grant Line Road Recycling location is available for drop off.
3. Ask the question...Who can be responsible to recycle at least one item everyday? Emphasize to your family that on average each person produces at least four pounds of trash everyday.
4. Take notes on the feedback you receive on the handout titled "Family Recycling Achievements."
5. Challenge each family member to start recycling everyday and encourage them to go beyond that goal.
6. Discuss what is recyclable and what is not recyclable.
7. Some items may need to be composted. A composting lesson is coming.
8. Organize containers for the following categories of recycling:
  - a. Glass
  - b. Plastic
  - c. Tin and aluminum
  - d. Paper
  - e. Cardboard (It is ok to leave this out of a container.)
9. Monitor family's progress and record successes and ways to improve.

10. Keep in mind...What is recycled is not lying in a huge waste heap in a landfill!  
Yeah!

Shopping bags??? At this time these are not picked up for recycling or accepted at recycling locations, but shopping bags can be taken to nearby grocery and department stores for drop off. Some organizations make woven mats out of shopping bags. See store bin below.

