The Three Rs of Conservation

A natural resource is something found in nature that people need or use. Trees, soil, and water are some natural resources. Keeping natural resources safe and using them wisely is called conservation. How can you practice conservation? Follow the three Rs: reduce, reuse, and recycle!
Reduce: Use Less

We can conserve materials and natural resources by using less water, electricity, and paper. We can use products that are refillable. We can use fewer harmful chemicals.

Conserve water by turning off the faucet while you brush your teeth.

Conserve electricity by turning off lights and electronics when not in use.

Conserve paper and trees by reading books and newspapers online.

Find ways to use less water and electricity at home and at school. Conserve water by taking short showers instead of baths.

Try It!
Reuse: Use Again

We can reuse bags, containers, clothing, and furniture. This helps conserve the materials and natural resources used to make them.

Donate clothes, toys, and furniture that you do not need anymore.

Bring cloth sacks to the grocery store. Use them again and again!

Try It!

Find ways to reuse items at home and at school. Use old bottles, jars, cans, paper tubes, and egg cartons for craft projects.
Recycle

We can recycle items we can’t reuse. Recycling turns old items into materials for new products. We can recycle items made of paper and cardboard, plastic, metal (aluminum and steel), and glass. Recycling conserves materials and natural resources.

Try It!

Find ways to recycle at home and at school. Is it paper, plastic, glass, or metal? Put it in the recycling bin.