

**Here's an idea!**  
Make your own Recycle Guy or Gal. Ask your parent(s) for items you can use: cans, bottles, string, straws, buttons, unwanted CDs, food containers, paper or toilet paper tubes, crayons, cereal boxes, glue sticks, and cardboard boxes. Use your imagination!

**Here's another idea...**ask members of your club to create a Recycle Guy or Girl too. Have the 4-H members bring them to a 4-H club meeting. Then find a place in your city or town where all the Recycle Guys and Gals can be put on display along with a message to remind people in your community how important it is to recycle!

Can you find these in the picture above?

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| heart   | peanut         |
| ring    | mini-football  |
| face    | star           |
| tack    | yoyo           |
| spring  | snake           |



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**Where are the items hidden in "Eye Spy"?**

Heart is on the end of a can on the floor, ring is on top of the CD pile, face is in the shrub, tack is on top of a paper roll by the little Clover Kid, spring is in the tree, peanut is on top of buttons, mini football is part of the scissors on the counter, star is on the Recycling Guy, yoyo is part of a truck tire and the snake is on the Recycling Guy-part of the hanging strings.

**Match game, where do the items go for recycling?**

Metal-pop and soup cans, glass-jars, plastic-milk jug and liter pop bottle, paper-newspaper, magazine, old mail and paper, cardboard-box.

**Some useful kid-friendly recycling sources:**

**BOOKS:**

*The Paperbag Prince*, by Colin Thompson; *Stuff! Reduce, Reuse, Recycle*, by Steven Kroll; *We Are Extremely Very Good Recyclers*, by Lauren Child, Bridget Hurst, Tiger Aspect Productions Staff; *Make It!* by Jane Bull; *Earth-Friendly Crafts: Clever Ways to Reuse Everyday Items* by Kathy Ross; *Making a Difference Series: Reusing Things, Respecting Our World, Reducing Garbage, and Recycling Materials* by Sue Barraclough.

**WEB SITES:**

[www.more4kids.info/704/top-10-recycling-websites-for-kids/kids.niehs.nih.gov/recycle.htm](http://www.more4kids.info/704/top-10-recycling-websites-for-kids/kids.niehs.nih.gov/recycle.htm)

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*- Note to Parents -*

In the future our youth will inherit the world from today's adults. But what kind of world will it be?

Our youth can learn how to care for the earth by the examples of those around them...how to decide what to buy, understanding the difference between a need and a want. They can learn how to take care of the of what they have, how to disburse items no longer wanted or used (**recycle**), and how to use items over and over (**reuse, renew**). As a family you can do these things together.

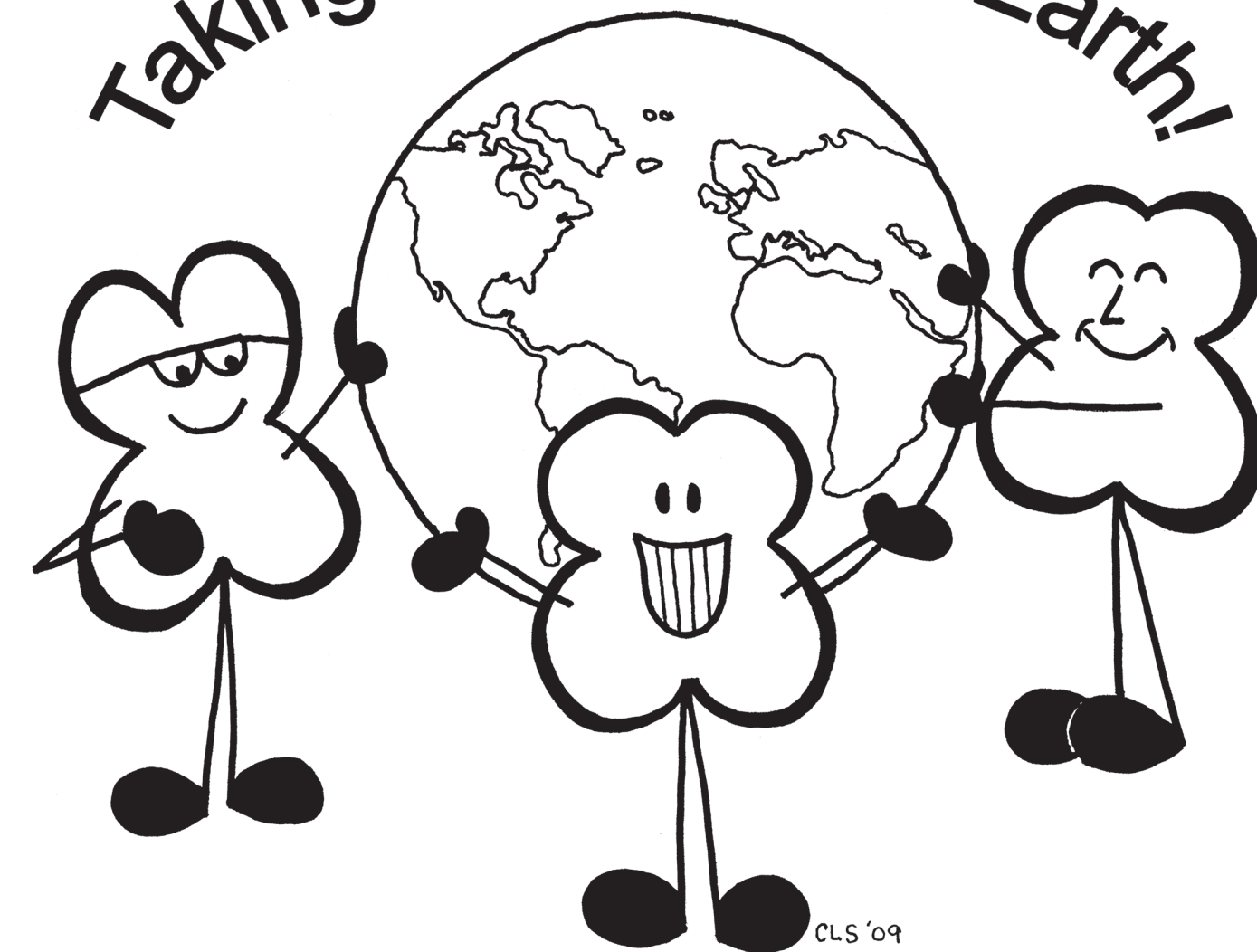
You have tremendous opportunities to teach your children how to make decisions and develop behaviors so they will use their resources wisely and help care for the earth.

We hope this newsletter will serve as a starting point for your family to have meaningful discussions on how to **recycle, reuse and renew!**

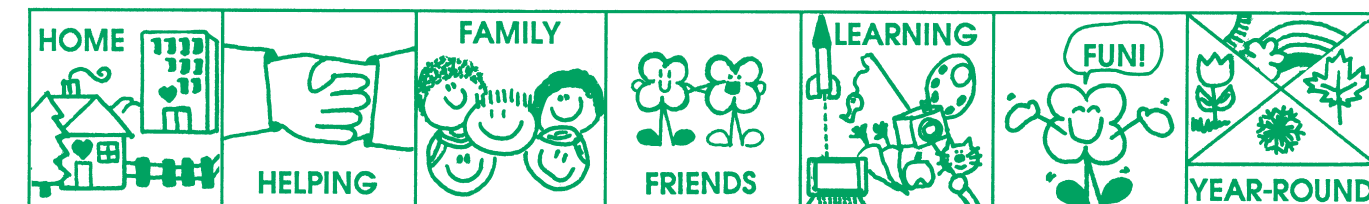
*Clever Clover*

Activity pages for young 4-H members

## Taking Care of Our Earth!



**Recycle! Reuse! Renew!**



### 4-H Earth Care

First step!

Play 4-H "Earth Care" to learn about things you, your family and your 4-H Club can do to take better care of the Earth. Use pennies for playing pieces and a dice. Roll the dice and move the same number of spaces on the board. In the **circles with rays** learn what you can do to help the Earth. When you land on these circles you get to **move ahead 2**. Watch out for the **circles with dark squares**, these things hurt the Earth. If you land on these circles you have to **move back 3!**

The goal of this game is to be the first player to get a "Thank You!" from the Earth.

- Use both sides of computer paper
- Forgot to turn off the lights when leaving a room
- Drinks tap water rather than buying bottled water
- Forgot to unplug chargers for cell phone, MP3 when not being used
- Takes a short shower
- Looks at all you can do!
- Family uses a compost bin
- Family forgot to get a water saving shower head
- Family has a garage sale
- Recycles glass, paper, plastic and metal
- Family uses energy saving light bulbs
- Shuts refrigerator door quickly when done using
- Left water running when brushing teeth
- Family uses a rain barrel to get rainwater for plants
- Family shops at a thrift store
- Family forgot to use reusable shopping bags
- Trades unwanted CDs, DVDs, books, magazines, with friends
- Family forgets to recycle old TV, computer, or DVD player
- Brings school lunch in a reusable container
- Family forgot to get a water saving shower head
- Family has a garage sale
- Recycles glass, paper, plastic and metal
- Family uses energy saving light bulbs
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- 4-H Club does roadside litter clean-up
- Family plants a vegetable garden
- Walks or bikes when they can
- Threw litter on the ground
- Thanks for helping!
- Family shops at a thrift store
- Family forgot to use reusable shopping bags
- Trades unwanted CDs, DVDs, books, magazines, with friends
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#### 4-H Super Snack

When you have been busy helping to recycle at your home, you can take a break and make yourself a super snack that tastes great and is good for you.

#### Orange Blast!

(Ask an adult for a jar that has a lid that will not leak.)  
 In your jar put:  
 1 cup of milk, 1/2 cup water  
 1/2 cup (6 ounces) frozen orange juice concentrate (before you make the orange juice), thawed  
 2 Tablespoons of sugar, 6 to 8 ice cubes  
 Put the lid on the jar, make sure it is on tight.  
 Then shake it up until it is all mixed. Now enjoy your blast!  
 This recipe serves 5 to 6 so you will have enough for a group of friends or your family.  
 Here is another great idea, try making this drink with other frozen juice concentrates. See which one you like best!

Uncle Clyde Clover is busy cleaning his cottage (little house).

He doesn't know how to sort his things to be recycled.

Please help him.

Draw a line from each item to the right bag.

He will take the bags to be recycled.

