

# Eco Kids Corner: *The Three R's*

**Reducing, reusing, and recycling** are important things to do to save natural resources and energy, reduce pollution, and lengthen the lifespan of landfills. Match the icons with the missing letters to reveal some silly poems about the Three R's.

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## Reduce

The waste that never gets made in the first place, doesn't have to be dealt with! Reduce your waste to cut down on the amount of garbage that has to be managed, and to protect natural resources.

## Reuse

Reusing items such as tote bags, lunch boxes, water bottles, plates, napkins, and eating utensils not only reduces the amount of waste to be tossed out or recycled, it also saves you money.

## Recycle

Using recyclable materials to make new products saves loads of energy, natural resources, and is often less expensive than using raw materials. When shopping, buy items made from recycled content.

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Did you know that the  symbol does *not* mean Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle? It symbolizes the three prongs of the recycling loop:

**Collect, Re-Make, and Re-Buy.**