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Help the Planet with a TRASH AUDIT



Throwing stuff away is bad for our planet because it uses a lot of resources and ends up in landfills. We can learn how to reduce the amount we throw away by looking at our trash in a whole new way!

What You're Going to Need:

- Garden/Work Gloves
- A Towel
- A bag of trash
- Three bins or large paper bags

Directions: Put on the gloves to protect your hands. Lay the towel down on a tile floor, or outside on a smooth surface. Carefully open your bag of trash on top of the towel. Sort the trash carefully into the three bins or bags, labeling each of them with the following categories (see back for more details):

Practice: Circle each item on the towel here with blue, green, or red to see where each item belongs.

- **Recyclable Examples:**
 - Plastic containers
 - Glass Containers
 - Paper or cardboard
- **Compostable Examples:**
 - Vegan Food scraps
 - Egg Shells
 - Coffee Grounds
- **Landfill Examples:**
 - Take-Out Containers
 - Food Wrappers
 - Packaging
 - Most Single-Use Plastic



