



Early Childhood Waste Wise Education Project Ways to foster environmental sustainability in children and their families

- Promote low waste lunches and have a low waste lunch day
- Plant a herb or vegetable garden
- Encourage recycling
- Purchase goods with recycled content
- Sell calico bags, worm farms, plants as fundraisers
- Go for an environmental awareness walk
- Use low toxicity cleaning agents and find alternatives to pesticides and share these ideas with your families
- Introduce/adopt a pet, for example 'rent a chook' or adopt a service garden plot or a community garden
- Support local organic farmers and/or cafes
- Invite local government waste education officers to talk to the children and families – for example, a worm-farming or recycling demonstration or rubbish sorting activity
- Have working bees to make or repair items, prepare garden beds.
- Operate a children's book/clothing/toys or baby equipment exchange
- Participate in local events – for example, tree planting, bicycle rides, clean up days etc.
- Provide compost buckets to families

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