



**“Lend a Hand-
Care for the Land”**



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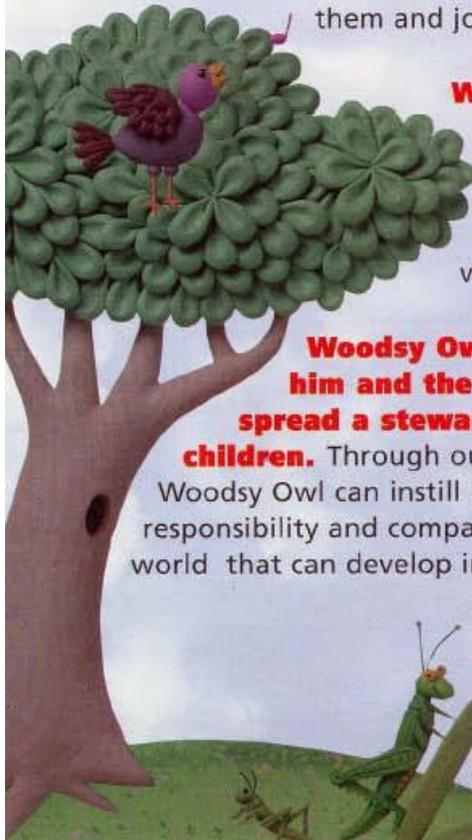
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For over 25 years, Woodsy Owl has been America's environmental symbol. Since 1971, Woodsy has been helping teachers and parents inspire young children (ages 4-10) to care for the natural life of our planet. Woodsy Owl is part of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service.



Woodsy's "Lend a Hand — Care for the Land!" message is positive and easy to understand. This simple rhyme sums up Woodsy's mission. Woodsy invites children to see the natural world around them and join him in actions that help care for that world.

Woodsy Owl's FunPacks are meant to inspire creative learning about conserving natural resources. Teachers, parents, and childcare providers can use the games and activities to explore Woodsy's world of trees, wildlife, water, soil, and food.



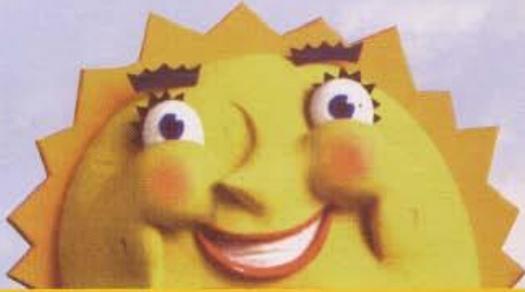
Woodsy Owl counts on you to help him and the USDA Forest Service spread a stewardship message to children.

Through our combined efforts, Woodsy Owl can instill in children a sense of responsibility and compassion for the natural world that can develop into a lifelong desire to work toward the conservation of our natural resources.



Sing Along

Hey, Kids,
can you sing my song?



Woodsy Owl

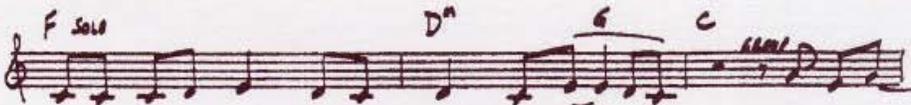
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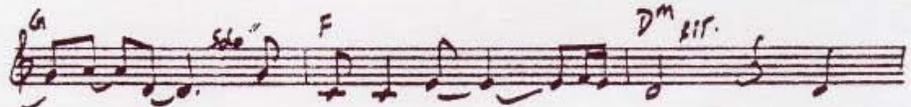
Wood-sy owl's gon-na help us see Look all a-round look what



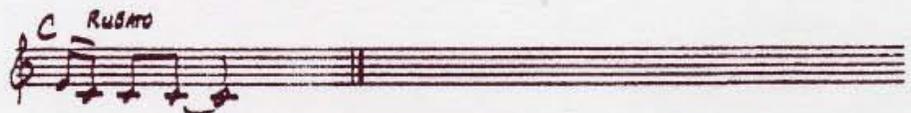
we can be — O—pen up — your eyes —



Car-ing for the land that is yours and mine O—pen up —



— your eyes Come lend a hand —————, care



for the land

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Greetings
 Grownups! Thanks for asking for my 4R's FunPack for kids! And thanks for your woo-onderful work teaching our children to understand and care for the land!

Here are some ways to use the enclosed pages with children:



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4R's

This page is a quick rundown of the four essential ways to care for the land. Ask kids for their own examples of each R. It's a good place to begin talking about taking care of the Earth.



Letter to Kids

Please read my letter to your children. I'm sorry I can't be there myself. In case the children want to write back to me, here's my address: Woody Owl, USDA Forest Service, P.O. Box 96090, Washington, D.C. 20090-6090, or e-mail me at www.symbols.gov.



Rubbish Rot Rap



This is my rhymin' rappin' way to tell kids about composting. Kids can repeat and chant the Rubbish Rot Rap, make up their own verse, videotape the rap or do the rap for other kids. You can make the actual compost using the recipe in the rap. Feed the compost to any houseplants in your learning space. Making compost is yucky fun.

Garbage Glide

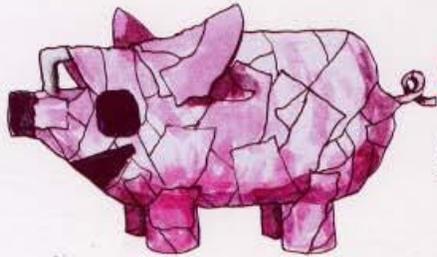
This page is about the ways the 4R's show up—or don't show up—every day. Talk to kids about things they are using today that can be reduced, reused, recycled, or rotted. Keep a 1-Day Garbage Log. List everything everyone throws away in 1 day. The next day, make a master list for a good look at a small group's daily garbage.





What's In What?

There are a lot of good ways to recycle, and this activity introduces the idea that people make money recycling. Kids can invent their own business based on new ways to recycle. The wackier the better! And you can have fun coloring in Woody—stay in the lines!



Garbage Art

Garbage art is gooey fun. It's papier maché and a good way to show that recycling can be art. Wear clothes that can get grubby.

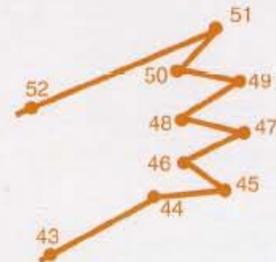
Word-O-Rama

This spelling and vocabulary game is for older children. See the answer guide at the bottom of this page.

Whooo's There?

One last chance for kids to see their pal Woodsy Owl by connecting the dots!

Check out additional educational resources at www.symbols.gov.



Happy Learning,
everyone!

Let me know what
you think of my
FunPack!

E-mail me at
www.symbols.gov

Word-O-Rama Answer Key

L	E	N	G	A	R	B	A	G	E
D	R	E	C	Y	C	L	E	P	Q
J	U	S	R	E	U	S	E	I	T
G	L	A	S	S	A	H	E	E	P
C	W	O	O	D	S	Y	N	A	A
L	C	O	M	P	O	S	T	R	P
E	R	E	D	U	C	E	U	T	E
A	O	D	H	C	A	N	S	H	R
N	T	N	P	L	A	S	T	I	C

Hand

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Care for the land



Hello Kids!

I'm Woodsy Owl and
I have one thing to say:

"Lend a hand, care for the land."

Do you know what that means?
It means that if we all work together,
the Earth will have clean air and water
and will be a healthy place to live for
trees and plants, fish, animals, and
birds like me and kids like you for
years and years and years!

I fly all over the United States telling kids to **lend a hand, care for the land**. I leave behind lots of fun ways for you to learn more about taking care of our wonderful world. And I always ask for your help. You can share what you learn about the natural world—like clean water, growing plants, wild animals, and trees—with your friends and family. That way, even more people can—you guessed it—**lend a hand, care for the land!**



Today I'm here to tell you about conserving resources and cutting down on pollution. You say you're just kids and can't do much? Guess again!

Every time you bring empty jars and cans to your town's recycle station, you're helping. Every time you recycle old newspapers or play with games and toys other kids have outgrown, you're helping. Those are good examples of the kinds of things you'll learn in this FunPack—reusing old stuff, recycling used things into new things, and saving resources. So keep reading. You'll learn a lot about helping our planet AND you'll have fun!

When you've answered all my riddles, colored all the pictures, and played all the games, you can reuse and recycle the paper they're on. Reuse by sharing them with your friends or hanging them on the wall where other people, including kids, can see them. You can recycle by adding the paper to the recycle bin so it can be made into clean paper again. Or you can make something completely different out of this paper by using my Garbage Art recipe inside this packet. You can open up the folder and hang it up as a poster.

Thank you for caring about the land! It's an important job that everyone can do. I'm glad you want to **lend a hand, care for the land!**

P.S.: Come visit me at www.symbols.gov!

Your friend,

Woodsy 

The 4's

Do you know what the 4R's are?
They add up to four ways everyone
can lend a hand every day.



Count your own ways you can use the 4R's
at home and in school. I promise it will
add up to a cleaner, healthier planet!

REDUCE means to cut down on the amount of things you use every day. You can reduce your daily garbage by using a cloth lunch bag instead of paper or plastic bags that you throw away, and by placing your food in reusable containers. Reduce water use by turning off the faucet while you brush your teeth. Save electricity by turning off the lights when you leave a room.

REUSE means using the same thing more than once. Give clothes that don't fit you anymore to someone smaller than you. Give away games and toys that you don't play with anymore to a kid who doesn't have games or toys. Draw pictures on the back of printed paper and reuse your plastic bags from the grocery store—can you think of three ways to use them?

RECYCLE is a way of taking something old and turning it into something new again. Paper can be recycled into fresh, clean paper. That saves trees! Empty soda cans can be recycled into new soda cans. Used plastic bottles can be recycled into clothing, carpet, and outdoor furniture. Even old tennis shoes can be remade into pavement!



Kids like you, and owls like me, who follow the 4R's are really lending a hand! We're making less garbage, and cutting down on new stuff that has to be made. We're conserving our natural resources!

ROT is the natural way to turn leftover fruit and vegetables into really good plant food called compost. A pile of old broccoli, leftover salad, banana peels, fall leaves, and grass clippings will turn into dark, moist compost in just about a year. Then it is used to grow more food for people and other animals.



Rubbish Rot Rap

Get a plastic bucket and get ready! It's time to sing the Rubbish Rot Rap!



Here I go with an owl rap
About taking some garbage off of the map.
The trash from your breakfast yesterday
Can turn into plant food the Woodsy Way!

It's the Rubbish Rot, it's the Rubbish Rot!
You think it's garbage, but I do not.

Take eggshells, coffee grounds, and add some dirt.
A few earthworms wouldn't hurt!
Stir it gently with a wooden spoon
While I sing more of my garbage tune!



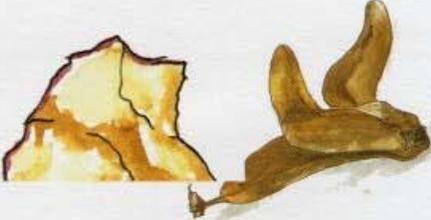
It's the Rubbish Rot, it's the Rubbish Rot!
You think it's garbage, but I do not!

Kids love ripe bananas, they taste so sweet!
Add their peels to our rotten treat.

Pour in a little water, put the bucket outside
In about six weeks, look inside!

It's the Rubbish Rot, it's the Rubbish Rot!
You think it's garbage, but I do not!

All the yuck and muck has gone away.
What's left is plant food nature's way!
My rubbish rap is about to end.
Now you know how garbage grows
food again!



slide


Come fly with me!
What will you see?
Four ways to make us garbage-free!
Look at each scene and study the clues
Then label them with the
R we should use.



garbage




R _____



R _____



R _____



R _____

What's n What

Do you know **what's in what**?
You may be surprised at what is
recycled into what. People who recycle
lend a hand and care for the land.

Can you find 4 things we recycle today?

COLOR ME IN!



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It's **GOOEY**, It's **GROSS!**

It's a good use of
GARBAGE!

Try this Recycle Recipe
for **FUN!**



What You Need...

A pile of garbage...
used boxes, empty plastic jugs, or other
containers, old newspapers, used paper from
school, old paper cups, coupons, junk mail.



A Bowl Of Goo

Take a cup and fill it with flour. Put it in
a bowl. Add two cups of water from the
sink. Take your hands and mix it together
until it's smooth and sticky.



Some Goo-d Ideas

Choose an old box or containers for the shape of your garbage art. Tear or cut your paper garbage into different-sized strips. Make the Goo. Soak your strips in the goo and place them on your shape. Get into the gooeey fun by smearing and shaping your garbage art!

Let the goo dry, then paint your garbage art!



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What's in a word? A world of wisdom! Can you find the hidden words about the 4R's?



Word-

1 2 3 11 5 37 36 48 73

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
L	E	N	G	A	R	B	A	G	E
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
D	R	E	C	Y	C	L	E	P	Q
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
J	U	S	R	E	U	S	E	I	T
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
G	L	A	S	S	A	H	E	E	P
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
C	W	O	O	D	S	Y	N	A	A
51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
L	C	O	M	P	O	S	T	R	P
61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
E	R	E	D	U	C	E	U	T	E
71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
A	O	D	H	C	A	N	S	H	R
81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90
N	T	N	P	L	A	S	T	I	C



Word List

garbage
reuse it
Woodsy

rot
cans
paper

earth
plastic
compost

glass
reduce
recycle

clean

Whoo's There

Connect the dots, then color me in!



