



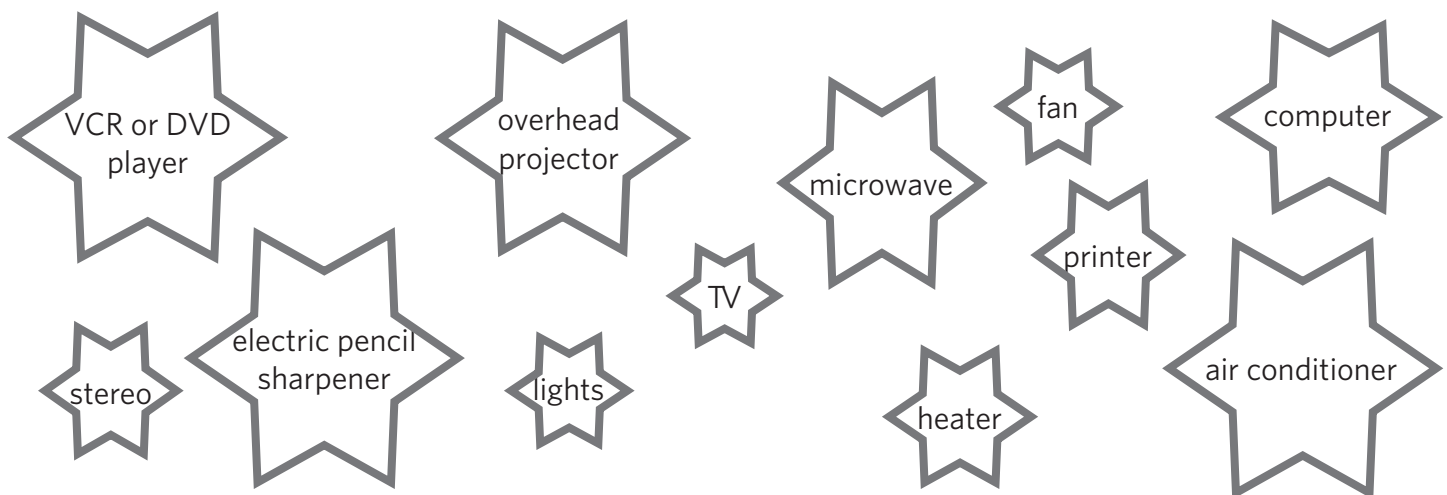
Student Information Sheet

How do the things you do in your classroom affect the environment? Read this sheet to find out.

Electricity

Making electricity can hurt the environment in many ways, including using up natural resources and creating pollution. We need to use electricity for some things, but the less we use, the better.

Things you may have in your classroom that use electricity include:



Transportation

Cars and buses use up fuel and create pollution. In fact, transportation is one of the biggest sources of pollution that adds to global warming.

If every student in your class rides to school in a separate car, that creates a lot of pollution.

Carpooling with two or more students in the same car creates less pollution than riding in separate cars.

Taking the bus with lots of other people creates less pollution than carpooling.

Walking or riding a bike creates no pollution at all!

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!

Recycling does amazing things to help the environment. It reduces the amount of natural resources we use, cuts down the amount of material dumped into landfills, and even reduces the amount of electricity used to make new materials.

Recycling is only part of the story. Reusing things as many times as possible and reducing the number of things and amount of materials we use in the first place are just as important.

Here are just a few of the things you can recycle:

paper

wrapping paper

cardboard

egg cartons

aluminum foil

newspaper

plastic bottles

envelopes

cans

glass bottles

magazines

glass jars

Water

Earth has a limited amount of fresh water that we can use for drinking and cleaning. We are using, wasting, and polluting more of that water every year. It is important to save water so there will be enough left for our children and grandchildren to use.

Try to reduce the amount of water you use whenever you:

water the lawn

take a shower

wash the dishes

wash your hands

do your laundry