

# CLEAN UP OUR EARTH ACTIVITY

**Objective:** Students will clean up the school grounds and learn what is recyclable.

**Illinois State Goals: 17.C.**

**Top Book Hits:**

Garbage and Recycling (Young Discoverers: Environmental Facts and Experiments) by Rosie Harlow and Sally Morgan; **ISBN-13:** 978-0753455036

The Three R's: Reuse, Reduce, Recycle by Nuria Roca; **ISBN-13:** 978-0764135811

**Materials Needed:**

- Gloves for each student
- Garbage bags
- Containers for recycling

**Procedure:**

1. Set boundaries and a time limit for the clean up.
2. Give one bag for recyclable objects and one for trash to each group (you might want to have an area for aluminum cans so they could be recycled for money, if available in your area.)
3. Hand out gloves for each student to wear.
4. Go over safety issues, like no picking up of broken glass.
5. Let students go around the area picking up the litter.
6. Regroup and discuss the activity with the students.
7. Dispose of recycling and trash in the proper receptacles.



**Explore More:** Contact your community Environmental Protection Agency to find out what can be recycled. <http://www.epa.gov>