

Dowling Kids Guide to Green Building Web Links & Book List

Websites for Kids:

EPA Environmental Kids Club helps kids explore their environment and learn how to protect it through games, pictures, and stories.

<http://www.epa.gov/kids/>

Learn how to take care of the earth in this PBS website. Animated characters use games and activities to present facts about ecosystems and pollution.

http://pbskids.org/eeeworld/index_flash.html

David Suzuki Foundation's website suggests easy ways to protect nature, and includes challenge activities that offer first-hand experience with the natural world.

<http://www.davidsuzuki.org/kids/>

Learn about chemicals around your home in the EPA's House Tour.

<http://www.epa.gov/kidshometour/>

Explore Recycle City where you can find games and activities all about recycling, reusing and reducing waste.

<http://www.epa.gov/recyclecity/mainmap.htm>

Test your knowledge of how consumer choices affect the environment in The Great Green Web Game

<http://go.ucsus.org/game/>

Test your eco-smarts with the National Geographic Kids Green-O-Meter Quiz

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/ngkids/trythis/greenometer/greenometer.html>

EPA's Student Center contains tons of information and activities on the environment.

<http://www.epa.gov/students/>

Energy Information Administration's Energy Kid's Page has games, facts, history, and activities – all about energy!

<http://www.eia.doe.gov/kids/>

Play interactive games on the Energy Hog site and learn about improving home energy efficiency!

<http://www.energyhog.org/>

Find information about energy efficiency and renewable energy in Dr. E's Lab.

<http://www.eere.energy.gov/kids/>

Discover how kids can protect the earth at Make Waves!, a website by The National Resources Defense Fund.

<http://www.nrdc.org/makewaves/>

Kids take action for greener, healthier schools in The Green Squad website from The National Resources Defense Fund.

<http://www.nrdc.org/greensquad/>

Learn about the environment through interactive, fun, educational games and activities in EcoKids, an Earth Day Canada's environmental education program.

<http://www.ecokidsonline.com/pub/index.cfm>

An animated diagram of the greenhouse effect for teachers and students

<http://earthguide.ucsd.edu/earthguide/diagrams/greenhouse/>

Protect the environment by buying differently. Learn how ibuydifferent.com.

<http://www.ibuydifferent.org/>

The fun place to learn about recycling! Games, activities and information about recycling from California's Department of Conservation

www.recyclerex.com

Go on an Energy Quest! Exercises, games, puzzles, projects, activities and much more from the California Energy Commission

<http://www.energyquest.ca.gov/index.html>

Laugh and learn with Rustle the Leaf, an environmental comic strip for kids and teachers

<http://www.rustletheleaf.com/>

Frequently Asked Questions about solar energy

<http://www.solarenergy.org/resources/youngkids.html#10>

Books for Kids:

50 Simple Things Kids Can Do to Save the Earth

by The EarthWorks Group, Andrews McMeel Publishing; 1st ed edition (January 1990)

A practical and upbeat guide to saving resources and protecting the environment. The book explains how specific things in a child's environment are connected to the rest of the world, how using them affects the planet, and how the individual can develop habits and projects that are environmentally sound.

Ages: 9-12

Save Our Planet: 750 Everyday Ways You Can Help Clean Up the Earth/25th Anniversary

by Diane Maceachern, Dell Publishing (December 1991)

Covers a wide range of environmentally protective actions in home, garden, garage, supermarket, school, office, community, apartment, and on vacation.

Ages: 9-12

Earth Book for Kids: Activities to Help Heal the Environment

by Linda Schwartz, Publisher: Learning Works (June 1990)

Creative ideas with easy-to-follow instructions show kids how to make their own paper, compare phosphate levels in detergents, test the effects of oil pollution, conduct a recycling survey, create a trash sculpture, redesign a package, chart a flush, measure acidity and make a difference in many other exciting ways.

Ages: 9-12

Fun With Recycling: 50 Great Things for Kids to Make from Junk

by Marion Elliot, Publisher: Southwater, (June 2001)

Ages: 8 - 12

Good Earth Art: Environmental Art for Kids

By (Kohl, Mary Ann F. Bright Ideas for Learning Centers.)

Publisher: Bright Ring Publishing (November 1991)

Over two hundred projects for painting and drawing, sculpture and mobiles, collage and printing, weaving and crafts, and handmade art supplies emphasize recycling and natural materials.

Ages 9-12

Eco-Fun: Great Projects, Experiments and Games for a Greener Earth

by Dr. David Suzuki and Kathy Vanderlinden, Publisher: Douglas & McIntyre (June 2001)

Forty-eight activities designed to stimulate understanding, knowledge, and appreciation of our ecosystem.

Ages 9-12

Hawaii Environmental Organizations and Resources: (Adult sites)

Hawai'i Youth Conservation Corps – a hands-on summer learning experience aimed at educating Hawaii's youth on the many conservation issues that threaten Hawaii's unique environment

<http://www.hawaiycc.com/>

Environment Hawai'i – news source on environmental issues

<http://www.environment-hawaii.org/>

Maui Coastal Land Trust – a non-profit organization dedicated to acquiring, preserving, and protecting selected parcels of Maui's coastal land.

<http://www.malamahawaii.org/>

Malama Hawai'i – individuals and organizations working together to protect and care for Hawai'i's people, land and sea.

<http://www.malamahawaii.org/>

The Nature Conservancy in Hawai'i

<http://www.nature.org/wherework/northamerica/states/hawaii/>

Protect The Planet – a Hawaiian grassroots movement to make caring for the Earth part of everyday life.

<http://www.protecttheplanet.org/>

National Organizations and Resources: (Adult sites)

U.S. Green Building Council's LEED for Homes Web site.

<http://www.usgbc.org/DisplayPage.aspx?CMSPageID=147>

Consumer Reports Greener Choices – a resource for green products

www.greenerchoices.org