



Earth Day is April 22<sup>nd</sup>! Help your child be a friend to our planet  
with these activities picked just for you!



**Clean-up Club:** Make your own club and your child can be the president! Your local Dollar Stores have cute stickers and even dramatic play safety vests that you can give your child to create your own “Clean-up Club”. Using a long stick or some type of pointed (but safe) tool, take a walk along your own neighborhood streets or around a local shopping center and let your child clean up the trash with their tool and a big trash bag. Take the time to talk to your child along the way about taking care of our planet by not littering!

**Recycle, Reuse:** Why throw away toilet tissue rolls when they can be used to feed birds!? Take a toilet tissue roll and poke two small holes in the top to pull a string through for hanging and in the bottom to put a skewer through for the birds to perch. Next, let your child spread peanut butter or Sunbutter all over the paper roll with a plastic knife and then roll it in a shallow dish of birdseed. Put the skewer through the bottom holes and pull a string through the top holes. Finally, help your child decide where to hang their recycled bird feeder!

**Toy Swap:** Share and share alike! Why fill up landfills with unwanted toys, books, etc.? Have a toy/book swap day when families get together and trade out toys and books that are perfectly fine but your children are tired of playing with.

**Recycled crayons:** Cover a paper plate with tin foil and place a few tin cookie cutters on the plate. Have your child fill the cookie cutters with bits and pieces of broken crayons. Simply sit the plate in the sun and check it a few hours later. Bring the plate in to let the cookie cutters cool and then help your child slip out their new multicolored crayons!

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