



# RECYCLING GAMES

## Earth Balance

### Materials

2 larger size balls to represent the earth  
(even better to create large globe for this activity)

### Before the Game

- Separate students into two groups
- Arrange each group in a straight line
- Instruct each student to lay down with their head aimed towards teammates feet
- Once students are spaced apart, instruct them to sit up to begin the game

### How to Play

1. First student in line grabs the Earth with their feet
2. On the count of three each student rocks on their back to pass globe to next student
3. Next student grabs earth with their feet
4. Continue passing the ball down the line on to last student
5. Careful not to drop the Earth!

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*50 Games for Going Green: 50 physically active learning experiences for children* by Carol Scaini & Carolyn Evans

## Recycling Relay

### Materials

Assortment of clean recyclable and non-recyclable goods (water bottle, Ziploc bag, newspaper, milk carton, etc.)

Set of three (3) labeled classroom waste bins: Blue, Green and Black/Gray

### Before the Game

- Separate students into two groups
- Arrange teams in a straight line
- Place 3 bins across playing area; leave 6 feet between bins
- Place materials halfway between student teams and bin set up

### How to Play:

1. On '1,2,3 Recycling Champions GO!' first student in each line runs to pile, picks an item and races to place the item in its proper bin.
2. Once item has been placed in correct bin students race back to their team and 'tag' next in line.
3. When items have all been properly sorted, check that bins have correct materials, explain why misplaced items belong in their proper bins

## Eco Relay

### Materials

About 75 colored beanbags

Green & Orange = Organics

White & Silver = Plastic, Metal

Brown & Yellow = Paper

Black & Red = Landfill

4 Hula Hoops -

Blue = Metal Plastic Glass Cartons

Green = Paper & Cardboard

Brown = Compost/Organic

Gray = Landfill

### Before the Game

- Separate players into four teams
- Arrange one team in each corner of game area
- Place one hoop in each team's corner
- Place all beanbags in center of game area

### How to Play

1. Set timer for 1 minute.
2. On count of three, send one member from each team to race to the middle of the play area to grab as many bean bags that correspond to their team's hoop as possible.
3. After several rounds, stop the game and have students from each team count their items to see which team has sorted the fastest.

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