



RECYCLE & WASTE TRUCK SORT

Materials you need:

- Recycle trucks, rubbish trucks or whatever trucks and cars you have with some recycle and rubbish symbols stuck on the sides.
- A selection of recyclables and clean 'rubbish'
- 2 large cardboard boxes – one with a recycle sticker and one with a rubbish symbol.
- Pictures or photos from local waste systems – trucks, coloured bins etc.

Setup for play:

- Set out the rubbish and recycle items mixed together on the floor.
- Add the trucks, cars and cardboard boxes.
- Use the pictures, photos or educational material from your local council waste department to prompt a discussion about waste, landfill, recycling and upcycling.
- Create a game using the trucks and cars to 'pick up' the different rubbish and take it over to the correct cardboard box 'bins'

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What are they learning with this activity?

As the children sort the rubbish they are learning to:

- Broaden their understanding of how to care for the world around them.
- Use observational skills.
- Make predictions and generalisations about aspects of the natural world around them
- Manipulate objects and experiment with cause and effect
- Repeat & practice the actions of others
- Recognise and name colours
- Use descriptive language
- Recognise the contributions they make to shared projects and experiences.
- Recognise symbols and how things can represent other things.
- Classify and sort materials.

Extending the play:

- Add a selection of loose parts and natural materials to the trucks and cars and see how the play evolves.
- Go on an excursion to your local waste facility or ask them to come to you and speak to the children.
- Work together to make your own recycle, waste and organic bin labels to place around the care area.

