



Sustainability Education and Action for Autumn or anytime Green Team or Classroom learning and activities

Provide opportunities for students to learn about sustainability and to connect and take action. The activities below can be used in a classroom, in your first Green Team meeting of the school year, or anytime. Activities can be used in-person, in virtual meetings, or via email or community boards.

[Sign up for a workshop \(in-person or virtual\) for your class or student team](#)

King County offers free in-person and virtual workshops on topics ranging from biodiversity to solid waste for elementary, middle, and high school students.

Read and discuss: Talk about actions students can carry out.

Book recommendations for elementary school students

- Grades K - 2: [10 Things I Can Do to Help My World](#) by Melanie Walsh.
- Grades 3 - 5: [Heroes of the Environment: True Stories of People Who Are Helping to Protect Our Planet](#) by Harriet Romer.

Article recommendations for secondary school students

- [Practicing sustainability during a pandemic](#) by Alison Hewitt, University of California, Los Angeles, August 28, 2020.
- [The science of how climate change impacts fires in the West](#) by Alejandra Borunda, 9/17/20.
- [Alarmed by Scope of Wildfires, Officials Turn to Native Americans for Help](#) by Jill Cowen, New York Times, 10/7/20.

[Student Change-makers](#) (for middle and high school students): Read about students who are making changes in their communities. Green Team members and class members can share who most inspires them and why, and then think about projects they can do to increase sustainability in their communities.

Art: Explore upcycled art projects and inspire students to make their own upcycled art.

Elementary school students

- [Kenya's Art book](#) and [video](#) by Linda Trice (author), Hazel Mitchell (illustrator)
- <https://www.upcyclecrc.org/lesson-plans.html>

Secondary school students: <https://www.theodysseyonline.com/8-ways-upcycle-trash-college-edition>

[Plan for a sustainable Halloween with your Green Team](#) (for all grade levels). Includes tips for making Halloween decorations from milk jugs, cereal boxes, old bed sheets, and egg cartons.