

Bullfrog Films presents

Here's My Question....Where Does My Garbage Go?

Discussion Guide

Questions Before Viewing:

Where does garbage go after its thrown it away?

What else can you do, with some of your garbage, instead of throwing it away?

Questions After Viewing:

About how much garbage does a person throw away each day?

How does the garbage get from the trash can to the barge?

Why do they put a net over the trash on the barge?

Where does the barge go?

What do they do with the garbage at the landfill?

What do the sea gulls do?

Is the landfill, in the video, bigger than Disney World?

What happens to the garbage in your area? Where does it go after you throw it away?

Why should we not throw so much stuff into the garbage?

What is recycling?

What kinds of things can you recycle?

What did they do at the recycling center?

How did the plastic jug become part of the slide?

Why is it important to recycle?

Important Information:

Creating too much garbage is bad, for it pollutes the environment. Some garbage can be recycled to reduce waste. Also, organic garbage like fruit, vegetables, and egg shells can be separated and made into compost, which can be used to help plants grow. Wasting water and energy has negative effects on the environment as well, but there are things you can do to help.

Things you can do to help:

Recycle paper, plastic, cans, glass, and card board.

Try not to create so much garbage.

Reuse a bottle, can, box, etc. instead of obtaining and using a new one.

Separate organic waste, such as fruit and vegetables, and create a compost pile.

Turn off the lights in a room when you leave it, and turn off the water while brushing your teeth.

Activities:

Encourage the children to come up with ways they can limit the amount of garbage they create, and other ways of avoiding excessive energy and water use.

Have them invent useful things out of something they might otherwise throw away (i.e. making a swing out of an old tire).

Visit a recycling plant in the area. Most plants will facilitate tours for children and are happy to do so, either during school trips or informally as groups of parents and children.

“Adopt” a piece of earth. Choose a small piece of land and have the children maintain the area and keep it free of litter.

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