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START A GREEN CLUB!

Starting a green club starts with you! A green club is a great way to meet people, to spread awareness of environmental issues, and to have fun while doing so.

**STEP ONE** Get a group of friends together! Spread the idea of a green club among your friends. Then ask your friends to tell their friends until you have a group of people interested in helping the environment.

**STEP TWO** Pick your focus! A green club can focus on many different things in the environment so it's important to brainstorm about the areas you want to focus on. What do you want your club to accomplish? What are your goals? What kinds of activities does your club want to do? Think of a mission statement for your club. This will help keep your club focused on its goals.



For example, your mission may be to promote environmental awareness and to provide students with the opportunity to participate in service projects at school and in the community.

Here are some examples of areas your green club can focus on:

- 🏂 Recycling
- 🏂 Conservation
- 🏂 Educating your peers on environmental issues
- 🏂 Preservation
- 🏂 Restoration

Think about having one year-long goal for your club in addition to doing several activities. Here are some activities your green club could do:

- 🏂 Clean up the beach, river, or lake near you
- 🏂 Adopt an endangered animal and raise money to help their conservation
- 🏂 Recycle bottles and cans
- 🏂 Plant trees at your school or a nearby park
- 🏂 Recycle newspapers and magazines





## 🏂 Plant a garden

- 🏂 Create art projects out of recycled materials
- Take a field trip to an environmental-friendly place, such as a community garden, landfill, or a recycling center

**REMEMBER TO:** Work together Involve everyone in the planning **Have Fun!** 

**STEP THREE** Every great club needs an advisor! Ask a teacher who you think would be excited about a green club if he or she will be the advisor for your club. This person doesn't need to be a science teacher--they just need to have a passion for going green!

**STEP FOUR** Get your school's permission. Different schools have different rules about clubs so make sure you find out what the rules are at your school. Your advisor is likely to be able to help you with this.

**STEP FIVE Promote your club!** Make signs advertising your club and put them around campus. Ask permission from your principal or advisor and host a "wear green" day. Create T-shirts that are only worn by members on meeting days or at club events.

**STEP SIX** Fundraise! In order for your club to make money for the activities you want to do or the causes you want to raise money for, you will need to fundraise. There are lots of ways to fundraise. Here are some ideas:

- 🏂 Host a bake sale
- 🏂 Host a garage or rummage sale
- Have a seed fundraiser! Companies like <u>High Mowing Organic Seeds</u> offer fundraising opportunities by selling seeds.
- Have an electronics recycling fundraiser. Many small electronics are recyclable for cash including old cell phones, laptops, printer cartridges, and MP3 players. Companies like the <u>Funding Factory</u> work with schools interested in fundraising recycled electronics.

A green club is an exciting and fun way to empower other students to participate in activities that help the environment. Be sure to check out resources in your area to give you ideas on how you can **GO GREEN ONE STEP AT A TIME!**