

OUR ENVIRONMENT: (RECYCLING)

PLEASE NOTE: Any changes/updates from the previous year will be *BOLDED* and *ITALICIZED*! Pay special attention to any projects with **BOLD, ITALICIZED WORDS because they have changed from last year.**

Completion, exhibition participation, and State Fair information for Our Environment (Recycling)			
Division/Level	Grades (suggested)	Completion Activities Needed*	Maximum State Fair Entries
Level 1	Grades 3-5	Complete 2 Activities*	No State Fair Entries
Level 2	Grades 6-8	Complete 2 Activities*	No State Fair Entries
Level 3	Grades 9-12	Complete 2 Activities*	No State Fair Entries

*"Activities" are defined as project manual activities and/or Hendricks County 4-H Workshops related to this topic. Members must be able to prove attendance by getting a signature from 4-H Leader/Project Advisor that conducts the workshop. Activity sheets available in the Extension Office with Our Environment: Recycling Project Manuals. Fair Exhibit guidelines are listed below.

Remember: All posters, notebooks, and display boards **MUST** include a reference list indicating where information was obtained, giving credit to the original author, to complete the 4-H member's exhibit. This reference list should/might include web site links, people and professionals interviewed, books, magazines, etc. It is recommended this reference list be attached to the back of a poster or display board, be the last page of a notebook, or included as part of the display visible to the public. A judge is not to discredit an exhibit for the way references are listed. Reference Sheets are available at the Extension Office for use if needed. For personal safety, do not include personally identifiable information such as mailing address or phone numbers on posters/displays/exhibits.

GUIDELINES

1. Refer to the Hendricks County 4-H Policies, Entry & Exhibit Guidelines for poster and general display guidelines.
2. Choose new activities and a different exhibit each year you are in this project.
3. **Exhibits must be stable and safe in order to displayed at the County Fair.**

Level 1: Grades 3-5 (suggested)

- Complete at least two (2) activities each year in the manual. Read all information sheets in the manual.
- Prepare exhibit for 4-H Fair. Gain knowledge in: Environmental Awareness, Natural Resources, and Basic Recycling Techniques.

Level 2: Grades 6-8 (suggested)

- Complete at least two (2) activities each year in the manual. Read all information sheets and definition pages.
- Prepare exhibit for 4-H Fair. Gain knowledge in composting and home and school recycling/purchasing awareness.

Level 3: Grades 9-12 (suggested)

- Complete at least two (2) activities each year in the manual. Prepare exhibit for 4-H Fair. Gain knowledge in: community environmental awareness, hazardous waste, and regulations.

EXHIBIT CLASSES

A person may enter an article in one (1) of the following categories:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| a. Clothing items (woven or knitted) | d. Discarded mechanical parts and equipment |
| b. Furniture items | e. Miscellaneous |
| c. Bottles or cans | |

Ideas for obtaining recycled articles: magazines, books, stores, friends, neighbors, etc. Examples for each category:

- | | |
|--|---|
| a. Clothing - hats and purses from blue jeans | d. Discarded mechanical parts and equipment - Model race car from old bolts |
| b. Furniture - Coke cases made into end tables, etc. | e. Miscellaneous - greeting cards as baskets, etc. |
| c. Bottles or cans - canister set | |

Exhibit will be judged based on originality of 4-H exhibit, choice of materials, workmanship, usefulness, and creativity.