

4th grade
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How important it is to Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle Things and How it Affects the Rio Grande Valley's Ecosystem

The Rio Grande Valley has gone a long way for the past 5 or 10 years. There are lots of buildings and houses being built. The cities are developing and there are many people who chose to live here. But the higher the population, the more waste there is. So, we all need to reduce, reuse, and recycle to protect our environment.

Let's start with how important it is to reduce. To reduce means to use less of things. We can reduce many things like water, paper, and copper. We can save water by turning off the faucet, sprinkler, or the shower when you're not using it and by trying not to use as much water as you usually do. You can also reduce paper by trying not to use that much paper everyday. We can reduce copper too. If you work as someone who makes things out of copper, you should try to use less copper when you're making something. If you own something that is made out of copper, you should really take care of it because they are remarkable gadgets, things, or tools. The fuel is used to run electricity. We can save electricity by turning off the lights when we don't need it. Another way not to use the air conditioner is to open the window. We can also reduce wood. If you work as someone who makes things out of wood, you should really try to use less wood. If you own something that is made out of wood you should take good care of it. Why? Because the wood came from trees and trees are really special in yours and my world. Who knows if trees are going to run out someday.

Now, let's talk about reusing. To reuse means to use things again. Have you ever tried thinking of ways to reuse things instead of throwing things? Grocery bags can be reused or recycled. We can reuse things like plastic bottles, soda cans (the big plastic ones or the metal ones), and metal container. We can reuse a plastic bottle or a soda can over and over again instead of throwing it away. After we empty the plastic bottle or soda can, we can either reuse it and put another type of drink in it and use it as a bottle that we can use all the time, or reuse it for a craft like a maraca.

Now, we can talk about recycling. To recycle means to make things that are recyclable into new products. We can recycle so many things like paper, aluminum, and glass. Paper recycling began in 1921. When people recycle glass, they turn the waste of the glass into usable products like mosaic arts as one. Soda cans can be recycled too. Since there are so many wastes in the Rio Grande Valley, instead of throwing them, we could transform them into new products.

Reducing, reusing, and recycling is very important. But how does it affect the Rio Grande Valley's ecosystem? The word ecosystem is a contraction for the words ecological and system and an ecosystem is a resemblance of organisms like animals, plants, and other organisms. Here's how reducing, reusing, and recycling can affect our ecosystem: When we reduce, reuse, and recycle things, we make use of things instead of throwing things away. If we did throw things away, we wouldn't be helping the Rio Grande Valley's ecosystem. If we don't do all of those things, terrible things would be happening right now. For example, we might smell the trash that is in the dump, we might not be able to make new and usable products, or the Rio Grande Valley might even be filled with litter everywhere! I know that you really don't want those things to happen. Neither do I. But if we did reduce, reuse, and recycle, this is what could happen: We would have less trash to give to the trash man, we would be able to make so many new, usable, and useful products, we will probably have more new products, there wouldn't be that much litter around the Rio Grande Valley as usual.

Right now, a lot of people are reducing, reusing, and recycling things. So, that tells me that for now, the Rio Grande Valley is going well and all of the factories are working hard to make new recycled products, and when the factories are done making them, the stores will start to sell things and who knows? Maybe some of the new products are recyclable. Even if some of the new products aren't recyclable, I still feel good because I know that they probably used recycled things. So, when I reduce, reuse, or recycle things, it really makes me feel good because I know that I am really helping my ecosystem, and my city a better place to live in.