

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.**

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

***“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 requirements 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 manner in which references are listed. Reference Sheets are available at the Extension Office for use. For personal safety, do not include personally identifiable information such as mailing address or phone numbers on posters/displays/exhibits.

Note: Choose new activities and a different exhibit each year you are in this project. Be sure to enroll in the project on 4-HOnline and enter exhibit information into FairEntry by designated date. **Exhibits must be stable and safe in order to displayed at the County Fair**

Level 1: Grades 3 thru 5

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 thru 8

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 thru 12

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:

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

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

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

- a. Clothing - hats and purses from blue jeans

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

Exhibit will be judged by the following guidelines:

Originality of 4-H exhibit	Choice of materials	Workmanship
Usefulness	Creativity of project	