



Take an Environmental Walk

Take a Litter Walk

1. Bring pencil and paper and a bag on a walk around your neighborhood to pick up litter. **Safety note:** Be safe! Wear gloves, collect litter safely, and be sure wash your hands when you are done. If you are uncomfortable picking up the litter, simply observe and record what you find.
2. As you collect each item, have your child write it down. Back at home, ask your child to sort the items into categories, such as paper, plastic, metal, glass, food. Ask them to make a chart showing the data they collected. What category has the most items? What items are found most often?
3. Have children make a poster encouraging neighbors not to litter and hang it outside, or write and draw anti-litter messages using sidewalk chalk. If you post a photo to social media, please use the hashtag #ThinkEarthatHome so we can share it!



Take a Pollution Walk

1. Go for a walk around your neighborhood. Ask children to look for signs of pollution in the environment, those things that are making our air or water or land dirty. Look for:
 - vehicles emitting smoke
 - unclean dumpster or trash areas where garbage is collected
 - litter
 - storm drains that are clogged with trash
 - pet waste
 - oil or other chemicals that have leaked from vehicles
2. Talk about why each pollutant you discover is bad for the environment, such as vehicle emissions polluting the air we breathe, or littered plastic cups or 6-pack rings harming animals that eat them or get stuck in them.

