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The fourth 'R': recycling

You don't have to be an adult to have a positive influence on the environment. As kids get ready to go back to school, here are a few things they can do to add some "green" to their routine. *Lyra Solochek, BayLink editor*



Writing green

- Pilot Pen's BeGreen pens and mechanical pencils are made from a minimum of 70 percent recycled content and are packaged in recycled materials. Costing the same amount as regular Pilot pens, BeGreen products are available at office supply stores including Staples, Target, Office Depot and Office Max. www.pilotbegreen.us.
- Paper Mate EarthWrite recycled yellow No. 2 pencils. A pack of 48 is \$3.99 at Office Depot.

Notebooks and paper

Look for the paper that's recycled with no bleaching and high percentage of post-consumer waste. Here are a few:

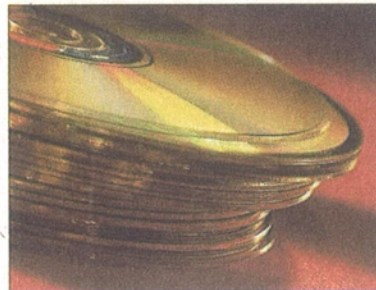


- The EarthWise composition notebook is 100 percent recycled. It has a printed schedule grid and a metric conversion chart inside the cover. \$3.79 at Staples.
- Ampad EnviroTech filler paper is entirely recycled.

The paper has no chlorine, meaning it's more environmentally friendly. \$5.99 for 100 sheets at Staples.

- Second Nature single-subject wirebound notebooks from Greenline Paper Co. are six notebooks for \$12.59 at www.greenlinepaper.com or toll-free 1-800-641-1117.

Other things you can do



Reduce waste, even in entertainment. Have your kids buy music online instead of CDs, or rent movies instead of buying.



Reduce the amount of waste by packing a lunch with reusable containers: old silverware, cloth napkins, plastic lunch boxes and reusable drink containers.



Skip the car line and board the bus. Your parents will save on gas, and it helps cut down on carbon emissions.



Green your morning routine: Conserve water by having your kids turn off the water while brushing their teeth.