

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	EXHIBITION –or– RECORD SHEET	No State Fair Entries
Level 2	Grades 6-8	EXHIBITION –or– RECORD SHEET	No State Fair Entries
Level 3	Grades 9-12	EXHIBITION –or– RECORD SHEET	No State Fair Entries

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.

SUGGESTED REFERENCE MATERIALS (available for purchase in Extension Office or as a free download on the Hendricks County Extension Website)

- Level I: Our Environment Workbook
- Level II: Our Environment Workbook
- Level III: Our Environment Workbook

GUIDELINES

1. Refer to the Hendricks County 4-H Policies, Entry & Exhibit Guidelines for poster and general display guidelines.
2. Be sure to enroll in the project on 4-HOnline and enter exhibit information into FairEntry by designated date.
2025 designated FairEntry Deadline is Tuesday, July 1st at 11:59 p.m.
3. Complete the Record Sheet (if not exhibiting at the Hendricks County 4-H Fair).
4. Choose new activities and a different exhibit each year you are in this project.
5. 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)
- 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 based on originality of 4-H exhibit, choice of materials, workmanship, usefulness, and creativity.