

Community Helpers

Good People
Everywhere



Learn it When we think of community helpers kids often think of firefighters and

police officers, but one of our most important helpers is the sanitation worker. Without these helpers, our communities would be covered with trash and filth. Not only is it important to recognize sanitation workers as community helpers, but to also realize what we can do to make an impact on our Earth and keep it clean.

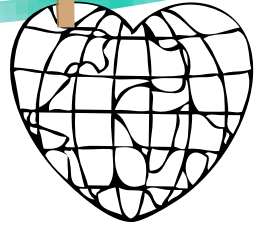


Imagine it

You can create a sanitation worker community helpers'

sensory bin. In your sensory bin container, combine beans, bits of paper, bits of plastic, and marbles or acrylic rocks to represent glass. Now label cups with glass, paper, plastic, and trash. Children can separate and sort all of the trash into the correctly labeled cup. Can they put them in the correct container?

SORT



Read it

Check out *In My Neighborhood:*

Garbage Collectors by Paulette Bourgeois for an introduction into the job of garbage collector. Another rhythmic text that children will love is *Trashy Town* by Andrea Zimmerman and David Clemesha.



Make it Let's practice our shapes and make a garbage truck! You will need a green or plain

piece of construction paper, black construction paper, and one other piece any color, scissors and glue. With the green or plain piece of construction paper, make a large rectangle, a small square and an obtuse triangle. You can use the provided template attached. Ask the children to cut out the shapes and glue the rectangle in the middle of the third piece of construction paper. Now cut out the square and glue it in front of the rectangle. Glue the triangle on the back or opposite end of the square. Using the black construction paper, make three wheels and glue to the bottom of the truck. The children can color or decorate their truck with markers and crayons. If you have any bits of paper trash, they can glue this to the bin and top of truck.



Move it

Fill two boxes with various cleaned trash items: egg carton, milk jug, plastic wrapping, cardboard food box, etc. Set up two trash cans on the opposite side of the filled boxes. Have the children split into two teams. Each team will form a line to individually dispose of the trash. The first team to throw all their trash away wins the race. For a variation you could ask them to work together to sort into recyclable or throw away items. You could also add a sort to the relay race if you are working with older children or you feel it would be age-level learning appropriate.



Eat it Trash Mix:

1/2 c. butter, melted	1 c. Cheerios	2 c. Corn Chex
1/4 tsp. celery salt	2 c. Wheat Chex	2 c. Rice Chex
1/4 tsp. garlic salt	1 c. pretzels	1 c. nuts
1 1/4 tsp. seasoning salt	1 tbs. Worcestershire sauce	

Preheat oven to 250. Mix the melted butter and seasonings in a cup with a spout. Mix all dry ingredients in a baking pan. Pour the butter and seasonings over the dry mix, stirring until each piece is coated. Bake for 1 hour, stirring every 15 minutes. Cool. Stir in an air tight container. Yields 9 cups.



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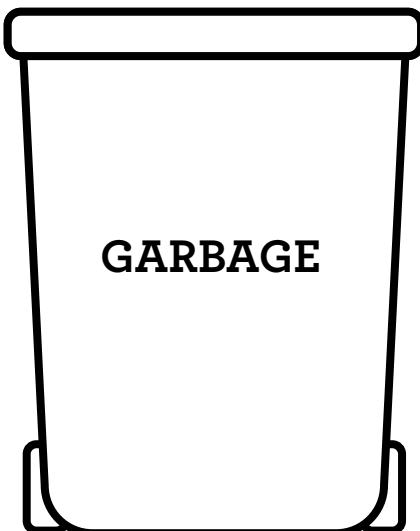
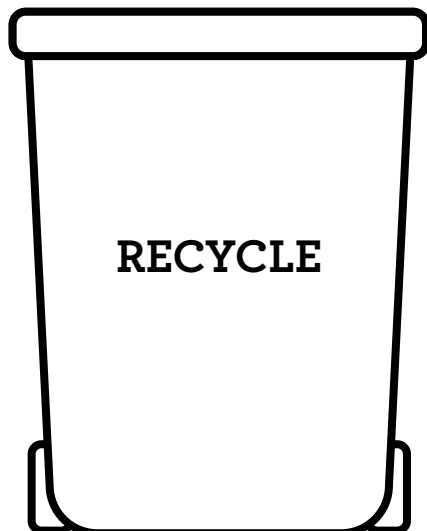
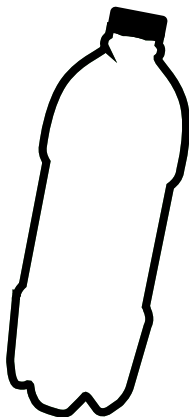
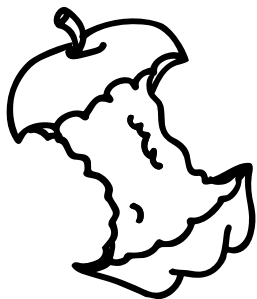
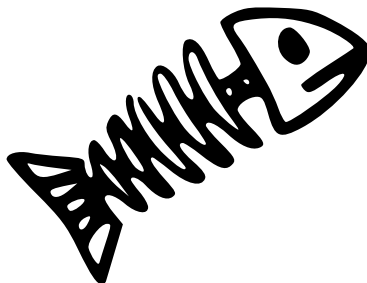
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Sanitation Workers keep our neighborhoods clean and safe for kids to play.

TIME TO SORT

Draw a line from each item to the right bin it belongs in, garbage or recycle.



LET'S MAKE A GARBAGE TRUCK Practice cutting shapes. Color and then cut out each shape below or use them as stencils on construction paper. Follow the guide and paste to a piece of paper.

