

Rising Star



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Recycle • Reduce • Reuse

Kids ... Swapping clothes is the least expensive way to change your wardrobe. Use the **colored letters** thrown out at the landfill below to finish these sentences.

Old denim _____ **s** can be **recycled** to make insulation in walls.

4% of landfills contain old clothes that were just thrown out. **B** _____ **I** _____ or **reuse** clothes by swapping with friends or giving them to a clothes exchange.

You can **reduce** the number of old **s** _____ in the landfill. Return or donate them so they can be made into synthetic turf that looks like grass.



Does the Earth gain weight?



About 40,000 metric tons of space debris bombard our planet each year. The Earth also loses material in the form of atmospheric gases, but the amount is so small it is insignificant. Although 40,000 metric tons sounds

like a lot, actually it is a tiny amount, only 0.000003 percent of the Earth's overall weight or mass.

The weight (mass) of the Earth is **5,972,000,000,000,000,000,000 tons** equal to 5.972 sextillion metric tons. A sextillion is 1,000 trillion!

FUN FACT—The earth races through space around the sun at 18.4 miles per second or about 67,000 miles per hour!

Ecology.com

Kids—this is a cool site that is all about people and our planet. It has a special area created for kids [http://ecology.com/kids corner](http://ecology.com/kids_corner) where you can read about all kinds of things kids are doing to make our home a better place. Go to the Ecology TV link and watch movies just for kids about our environment. There's a movie about the ocean that you will not want to miss.

3R's Challenge



Kids ... Go one entire day without throwing something away.

Be creative—find a way to **reuse** it, **recycle** it or best of all **reduce**. If we use less—**reduce**—then there is less to reuse and recycle!