

Reducing Household Waste – Getting the kids on board

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So our children are aged from four through to nine, so our nine-year-old daughter understands why we should recycle and the idea of using less. They've all been to the rubbish tip at Henderson with me at different times and all of them when they look over the pit and see all the rubbish just being dumped, they're horrified. They know straight away that they're like "oh why's it all just being thrown out there", so I explained to them that well not everyone realizes what we can do with stuff that we don't need anymore. They also see things like the rubbish blowing around the tip and on the roads and they realize that that's not a good thing. On top of that our four-year-old son even though he's only much much younger the idea of him seeing food go to the worms that he can't eat so he doesn't feel so bad "I can't eat all my dinner mum and dad", it goes to the worms and then what we get from them the soil he'll plant some seeds and watch them grow take them to school, so in that way he realizes oh if I can't eat something at least it gets reused and another plant can grow from it.

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