




Hi I'm Monti
and I like to share ways
to care for our planet Earth.
Look for me on each month's
card and see if you can
care for  just like me.



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SCHOOL YEAR MONTHLY GUIDE

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What is Conservation?

Mindful use of our planet's resource and preventing waste as much as possible.

Why is Conservation important?

Conservation protects natural resources for future generations and makes life better for us.



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September



Topic: Recycle

Learn: What is recyclable in your area?

Action: Set up recycling collection at your school or in your classroom; include electronics recycling



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October



Topic: Don't Litter

Learn: What is litter? Why is litter a problem?

Action: Do your part and don't litter. Pick up litter if you see it and put it in a trashcan or recycling bin.



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November



Topic: Reduce Household Trash

Learn: Where does your trash go?

Action: Talk to you family members and come up with a plan to reduce the waste you produce. Example: take groceries home in a reuseable bag; don't use disposable plates, cups and utensils



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Topic: Reuse/repurpose



Learn: What does it mean to repurpose?



Action: Reuse what you can, repurpose where appropriate. Example: make you own notepad using scrap paper OR make your own wrapping paper



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January

Topic: Save Electricity

Learn: Where does your electricity come from?



Action: Notice the electricity that you use. Remember to turn the lights out when you leave a room, even if you have to put a note there to help you remember.



Learn More: What are other ways YOU can save electricity?

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February



Topic: Cut Back on Single Use Plastic

Learn: What is single use plastic? Why is it a problem?

Action: Become aware of all the plastic you touch in one day. Come up with a plan to use less "single use" plastic. Example: use a wooden pencil instead of a plastic one; refill a drink bottle instead of a single use disposable bottle



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March

Topic: Notice the Soil

Learn: What makes soil healthy? Why do we need soil?

Action: Take a walk, notice bare soil, come up with a plan to plant something on that soil.



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April

Topic: Support the Pollinators



Learn: What is a pollinator? Why are they important?

Action: Plant native, pollinator friendly plants, observe the bees, butterflies and flying insects, keep track of what you see and where. Idea: use the **seek** app to id species



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May

Topic: Use Less Water

Learn: What are ways people can conserve water?
Why is conserving water important?

Action: Change 3-5 water useage habits so that you too can conserve water! Examples: take shorter showers, don't leave water running

