

Steve Trash - Rockin' Eco Hero

"Spreading the green message through world class eco-entertainment."

Hi.

I'm Steve Trash.

I've been a green entertainer for over 25 years and have toured the planet (Japan, Australia, Canada, Portugal, Spain and the US) sharing what I know about the environment and the ecological world with kids through comedy, really cool illusions, and awesome magic tricks.

Most of my magic tricks are made from things I've found in the trash. Yep... that's right... trash!

You see the theme of my green magic show is reducing, reusing, and recycling, but the shows overarching premise is that NATURAL RESOURCES are VALUABLE. Therefore GARBAGE is simply a natural resource that you've DECIDED is not valuable anymore.

In my show, kids learn that garbage is soooo valuable that Rockin' Eco Hero - Steve Trash has actually created an awesomely cool green magic show with it!

The TRASH & RECYCLE show is a magical, ecological, and educational experience filled with tips on how to Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and fun illustrations of how everything in the natural world is connected.

I don't just talk about this green message, however, I live it!

20 years ago I built an energy efficient earthbermed home. I print my promotional materials on post consumer recycled paper. I am always seeking out new ways to reduce my carbon footprint, and most of all, I try to share my passion for this message with kids everywhere I go through my talents... being funny and being magical.

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Fortunately for me, I get to come to your community. I've created this TEACHER GUIDE to help make this a deeper learning experience for your students. It should fit nicely into your required state curriculum as well. So, when it's appropriate, please introduce your students to the words, concepts, and videos in it.

It will deepen the experience for them and make for an awesome show day for everyone.

Thanks in advance!

Greenfully yours,

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OBJECTIVES

1. Understand that all the earth's resources are valuable and should be used wisely.
2. Encourage kids to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle the earth's resources.
3. Show kids HOW they can use these resources wisely.

DURING THE SHOW STUDENTS WILL LEARN

1. The earth's natural resources are limited and therefore valuable.
2. Specific ways kids can Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.
3. About the Water Cycle.
3. What things can be recycled.
4. How to "close the loop" of recycling.
5. About the "web of life".

IDEAS FOR DISCUSSION

Please review these concepts and vocabulary words with your students. They cover ideas that are directly and indirectly addressed in the STEVE TRASH - TRASH & RECYCLE SHOW.

- All living creatures must consume resources to live. What natural resources do students use in their everyday lives?
- Of all the planets in our solar system, which planet(s) can support carbon based lifeforms?
- Why would Steve Trash CHOOSE to do magic tricks with trash? Is he poor? Is he rich? Does he love natural resources so much he wants to share this love in a magic show?
- How does our recycling echo the way our environment recycles water, dirt, and air?
- What are some of the differences between science and magic. How does magic APPEAR to violate natural laws?
- Why is the recycle symbol one continuous loop? What systems in nature are closed/continuous loops as well?



VOCABULARY

Earth - the only planet in our solar system that supports life.

Environment - where a plant or animal lives and all the things that affect it there.

Garbage or Trash - a natural resource you've decided is not valuable anymore. A natural resource, in the wrong place, at the wrong time, in the wrong amount.

Resources - the things that the Earth provides for us that we can use.

Rockin' Eco Hero - a person that works everyday to make the world a better place to live. (example: Steve Trash and kids like you!)

Recycle - to take a resource that's been used, remanufacture it, and use it again.

Reuse - to use an item more than once.

Reduce - to decrease the amount of waste or energy used.

Water Cycle - the natural movement of water through the biosphere from the atmosphere to Earth and back again.

TRASH & RECYCLE SHOW - TEACHER GUIDE - VIDEO RESOURCES FOR STEVE TRASH

These are videos I've created to help your kids learn more about the environment and the TRASH & RECYCLE SHOW. They are on YouTube. You can view them online or download them.

- This is a terrific explanation of how the process of recycling works. It covers why we should recycle, and what things are recyclable. 4 minutes long. Educational and entertaining. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yh30beUD8CE>
- Here's a short montage of the BIG GREEN SHOW. You'll get to see some of the big tricks and funny stuff we're going to do LIVE on stage. Please click the HD button in the lower right of the frame. Better quality. - 2 minutes long - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vi6jsbO7h4>
- Who is Steve Trash? This is a video overview of what I've done and do. Click the HD button. It's much better quality. - 2 minutes long. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rO5-HNbsWMs>

ABOUT THE PERFORMER

I also walk the talk. I live in an earthbermed green home and am a member of the National Recycling Coalition and the North American Association for Environmental Education. I am a lifetime member of the Alabama Association for Environmental Education, and a founding board member of Keep The Shoals Beautiful.

Recently my TRASH & RECYCLE show was honored to receive the OUTSTANDING RC&D PROGRAM award for my live ECO-EDUCATIONAL SCHOOL SHOWS across the country and online readers of FAST COMPANY MAGAZINE voted Steve Trash (that's me) number eleven in the FAST 50 list of entrepreneurs making the world a better place to live.

I've appeared on many national and international TV shows including - CBS THIS MORNING, ESPN OUTDOORS, CBS MARKETWATCH, CNBC'S AMERICA'S TALKING, VH1 TOP 20 COUNTDOWN and some TV show in Japan

that I still can't spell or pronounce the name correctly.

I've been featured in the NEW YORK TIMES, the LOS ANGELES TIMES, the DALLAS MORNING NEWS, FAST COMPANY MAGAZINE, MAGIC MAGAZINE and the I've even been on the cover of the kid magazine THE WEEKLY READER.

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