

SOURCING LOOSE PARTS

Besides the many benefits of loose parts for children's development, sourcing the loose parts can also help support the NQS in your service.



Recycling

Save items from going to landfill by putting them into the loose parts kits. Lids, containers, odds and ends from around the service such as old puzzle pieces. A great chance to talk about sustainability with the children.

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Nature

Collect items from out in nature with the children such as sticks, stones, pine cones, leaves and shells. Talk to the children about gathering sustainably and leaving items as part of the ecosystem.

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& 3.3.2



Community

There are lots of great opportunities to get free items from local businesses that also help with minimising waste. Businesses that have sample swatches each season, off cuts of materials, packaging and so forth.

NQS 6.3.4



Families

Asking families to contribute to loose parts allows them to increase the number of recycled items and connect families with the program. A tip is to collect specific items to focus the donations (e.g. "lids" or "jars/bottles").

NQS 6.1.2
& 6.1.3