

5 ways to be environmentally responsible

While it is important that children understand environmental responsibility it is also important that as an organisation to look at what are doing to minimise your impact on the environment. The following tips can help you achieve this....



Create expectations around purchases

We all need to purchase items within our services, whether this is furniture and resources or food for meals. Having expectations around this allows you to consider the distance purchases travel and the impact of this, whether you can purchase recycled, repurposed or sustainable made items etc.



Audit your usage and explore ways to reduce this

Do you know how much water, electricity, paper, plastics, cleaning supplies, and other consumables you go through in a month? If you conduct audits to identify your usage you can then look at whether this changes over time and find ways to minimise waste.



Find sustainable community efforts

Many communities have a number of initiatives that you can support to create a more sustainable region. These can include identifying places that repurpose and recycle materials, charities that use use donated plastics to make tools and supports, groups that donate money for recycled items.



Share sustainable practices with families

Keeping families aware of ways to be more sustainable in their practices can help build their environmental awareness. This could be knowing where to recycle or repurpose in the community, exploring ways to remove waste from lunch boxes, methods you have adopted in the service they could also try, etc.



Create environmentally responsible rituals

When you think about your traditions and rituals in the service do any of them have sustainable ties? Practices such as planting trees with children when they leave the service, donating seedling to families as end of year gifts. having children paint and decorate pieces of repurposed furniture all become rituals.