



# Teach Green!

## Tips for making your teaching and classroom more environmentally-friendly

### Green your Classroom

- Conserve Energy - lights and computers off when not in use, unplug your appliances, air vents free of obstructions
- Reduce Waste – practice the 3Rs, buy green consumables, re-usable hand towels and cups, use found objects for projects
- Minimize Toxins – adequate ventilation, no aerosols, proper disposal of waste, use of natural cleaning solutions

### Greening your Program

- Model environmental practices or activism
- Teach environmental concepts and values through themes, materials or locations
- Reframe lessons with environmental concepts or actions in mind
- Show and discuss exemplars or case studies of sustainability with your students

### Greening your School and Community

- share your students' efforts in sustainability through exhibits and websites
- host an eco-event for students, parents and the community
- model greening practices for others in and outside of the school
- encourage age-appropriate student activism outside of class (writing letters, making posters, demonstrating stewardship, raising funds, etc.)
- link to community groups

### Great Resources to Start the Greening Process...

TDSB's Ecoschools Program

<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/site/ViewItem.asp?siteid=207&menuid=1425&pageid=1052>

Canadian Network for Environmental Education and Communication

<http://www.eecom.org/>

Resources for Rethinking

<http://www.r4r.ca/>