Recycling is one way that we can reduce our carbon footprints. Through the reuse of everyday items we can give what was once considered garbage a new life. This project is designed to show you how you can maximize our resources through your own creativity.

Procedure:
1. Take an item from your house that would normally be thrown away, clean it, and then think of ways it can be used for something else.

2. Build something useful from the item(s) you collected from around the house, write out the procedures you followed to make your creation, and be ready to present it to the class on lab day.

Projects are worth 30 points: 20 points for the object, 5 points of the procedure list and 5 points for your presentation.

Ideas:
- Cardboard egg cartons can be seedling planters. They can also be used to make bugs, butterflies, and other insects for a mobile hung from a wire hanger.
- Newspapers can be used to make paper mache crafts.
- Milk cartons (plastic or paper) make great bird feeders or pencil holders.
- Paper towel rolls can be turned into napkin rings, or pencil holders.
- Plastic butter tubs can be used to make planters or desk organizers.
- Soda bottles can be used to make coin purses, ipod holders, terrariums or green houses.

Be creative and have fun!