



Dear Educator:

Welcome to the 2009-2010 distribution of conservation education materials. The materials listed on the back of this page are provided **free** of charge to elementary school teachers and individuals who work or reside within the Riverside-Corona Resource Conservation District (RCRCD). RCRCD provides free programs and materials to raise awareness about natural resources and their care.

RCRCD is offering some exciting new materials: **DIG IT! The Secrets of Soil**. The posters and booklets were developed by the Smithsonian Institution, the Soil Science Society of America, and the National Association of Resource Conservation Districts. Why? Soils are the foundation of life, plus they filter and clean water as it percolates into underground water basins (aquifers). Locally, we rely on underground water for much of our water supply.

We hope you will join us in an effort to educate your students about the sustainable use of natural resources. Please use this form if you would like to request materials and/or presentations. Complete **both sides** of this return-mailer, fold, tape, stamp, and mail. Some quantities may be limited. Orders will be filled on a "first come, first served" basis until stock is depleted.

RCRCD is a local government agency that works with land users to conserve natural resources in and around Riverside, Corona, Norco, Canyon Lake, Gavilan Hills, Woodcrest, Temescal Canyon, and portions of Colton, Grand Terrace, and Reche Canyon. For onsite technical assistance, such as a free evaluation of school ground irrigation systems to save water and money, please call the Conservation District at (951) 683-7691, ext. 203 or 204.

Thank you for helping to spread the word about natural resource stewardship.



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Email: [snyder@rcrcd.com](mailto:snyder@rcrcd.com) or [davis@rcrcd.com](mailto:davis@rcrcd.com). Please indicate in subject line: Elementary Materials.

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NAME/S (Please list **each** teacher's name, if ordering for more than one person.)

ADDRESS, CITY, ZIP

SCHOOL and GRADE

PHONE NUMBERS: DAY, EVENING and/or CELL

When is the best time to call?

E-MAIL ADDRESS Would you like to receive the RCRCD newsletter via email (approximately three times per year)? Yes or No

- As our arid region struggles with another year of drought, it has become critical that we prevent the waste of water and impacts on water quality. Check here to request a free presentation and materials about keeping storm water clean. The *Only Rain Down the Storm Drain* programs for elementary classes and youth groups are sponsored by the Cities and County of Riverside.
- Check here to be sent a **mini-grant** application. \$250 mini-grants help classes and youth groups fund "on-the-land" conservation projects, such as irrigation systems, trees, or other materials needed for school gardens, composting projects, plantings.



MATERIALS	TARGET GRADE	AMOUNT REQUESTED
<b>POSTERS</b>		
<i>DIG IT! Soils in your Everyday Life</i> poster <b>NEW!</b>	All	One per teacher _____
<i>A Soil Profile</i> poster	All	One per teacher _____
<i>Landforms and Soil</i> poster	All	One per teacher _____
<i>We Need Soil</i> poster (animal life)	All	One per teacher _____
<i>An Inch of Soil</i> poster	All	One per teacher _____
<i>Chaparral Habitat of Inland Southern California</i> Depicts chaparral native plants & animals	All	One per teacher _____
<i>Riparian Habitat</i> : The plants and wildlife of inland southern California waterways.	All	One per teacher _____
<i>Inland Southern California Oak Woodland</i> So Cal plants & animals of Oak-Woodlands	All	One per teacher _____
<b>FOR STUDENTS</b>		
<i>DIG IT! The Secrets of Soil</i> <b>NEW!</b> Correlated to national standards and learning objectives.		
Beginner booklet	Pre K-1	One per student _____
Intermediate booklet	2-3	One per student _____
Advanced booklet	4-5	One per student _____
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<i>DIG IT!</i> Bookmarks	All	One per student _____
<b>Soil Saver Club</b> activity booklets: Hands-on activities to learn about soil and its conservation. A student is entered into the "Club" upon completing the hands-on activities and doing a project or further reading. Certificates are awarded to Club members.	All	One per student _____
<b>Kids CAN</b> booklet: 20-page activity booklet that explains ways kids can steward natural resources and help create more sustainable communities. The booklet explains conservation of the three main land uses of southern California: native habitats, urban areas, and agriculture.	4-8	One per student _____
<b>Los Chicos Pueden: Kids CAN</b> in Spanish	4-8	One per student _____
<b>Nature Party:</b> Activity booklets to learn about natural resources.	Pre K-1	One per student _____
<b>Habitat Heroes:</b> Activities to learn about natural resources and habitats for humans, as well as for wildlife.	K-3	One per student _____
<b>Habitat Network:</b> Activities to learn about natural resources and wildlife habitats.	4-6	One per student _____
<b>Ideas for Science Fair Projects in Soil and Water Conservation</b>	4-6	One per student _____
<b>FOR TEACHERS</b>		
<i>DIG IT! Educator Guide</i> <b>NEW!</b> Activities, soil book list and educational resources.	Adult	One per teacher _____
<i>Helping People Understand Soils</i> CD, Tools for Educators <b>NEW!</b>	Adult	One per teacher _____
<i>Teacher Resource Guide</i> CD California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom	Adult	One per teacher _____
<i>Habitat Heroes</i> and <i>Habitat Network</i> Teacher Guide	Adult	One per teacher _____
A <i>School Garden Tool Box</i> from local UC Master Gardeners	Adult	One per teacher _____
<i>Forestry and Tree Education Catalogue</i>	Adult	One per teacher _____
<i>Living on the Edge</i> Learn to be a "habitat-friendly neighbor" for nearby habitat lands. Inserted in the 8-page booklet is a <i>Resource Directory</i> , which provides helpful websites and contact information for local agencies, organizations, gardens, and native plant nurseries.	Adult	One per teacher _____
<b>Help Create a Sustainable Community:</b> 44 page adult version in English or Spanish.	Adult	One per teacher _____ Spanish version _____
<b>What I Like Best about Mt. Rubidoux</b> Coloring book. Order form from Friends of Mt. Rubidoux	K-3	One per teacher _____