



WORKSHOP: Natural Resources
Norfolk Botanical Garden/Portsmouth Public Schools
Garden in the Schools
Educator Training Workshop
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Workshop Activity Title: Shopping for Natural Resources

Objective: The objective of this workshop is for classroom teachers to obtain and explore the many uses of natural resources found in Virginia

SOL correlations: SOL 4.8: The student will investigate and **identify natural resources and their importance.**

Materials: Household items that contain natural resources in some way or another. Students have to “go shopping” and then fill out their worksheet. Examples include, cereal boxes, canned goods, cleaning products, beauty products.

Classroom Connection:

This will be an activity that the students will incorporate their critical thinking and English skills.

What are our Natural Resources?

1. **Air:** Required for plants and animals to survive.
2. **Water:** Water available for both plants, and animals to use.
3. **Plants:** Plants used to control erosion, building materials, food.
4. **Animals:** Native animals to Virginia that are available for food and other life needs.
5. **Minerals:** Minerals such as coal, granite, sand, limestone and gravel.
6. **Land:** Includes soil for plants as well as area for animals, people and plants to live.

The students should identify the natural resources. These natural resources are used by us everyday, even in items that we would not expect.

The students pick their item from the Natural Resource Store that is set up, then they go back to their seat and use the back label to identify any natural resources that were used in this product.