

Clean Up Australia Day

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SYNOPSIS

Australians celebrate or commemorate a number of special days throughout the year. These special days give us the chance to reflect on the past, appreciate our lives, and look to the future together.

Australians mark Clean Up Australia Day on the first Sunday of March each year. On this special day, community groups and charitable organisations arrange events and activities to help clear litter from parks, rivers, beaches and neighbourhoods. Thousands of volunteers help to clean up and to learn about recycling.

STUDY NOTES

- Who makes all the rubbish in Australia and the world?
- Should you have to pick up rubbish other people produce?
- What would happen if there were no garbage collections?
- Who and what suffers from the effects of too much garbage?
- How can we stop making rubbish?
- Pick one of the following topics and research more about it:
 - Why is plastic garbage so bad for the environment?
 - What are the items in garbage that we can recycle?
 - Is food garbage good or bad for the environment?
 - How can science help us deal with garbage?
- Do you think your actions have an effect on the environment? For example, does choosing to use recyclable shopping bags have an effect on the natural environment?
- Explore how changes from solid to liquid and liquid to solid can help recycle materials.
- Explore how reversible changes can be used to recycle materials.