

# Natural Resources

# What are natural resources?



# Water

What do we use water for?

## Drinking Water

We all need water to live.





## Cooking

We use water to cook food.



## Bathing and laundry

We use water to clean ourselves and wash our clothes.



**Brushing teeth**



## Going places

We use water to go places in boats or ships.





## Electricity

People build dams on rivers.  
Inside a dam, the flow of the river turns big machines.  
The machines make electricity.



# Air

What do we use air for?

## To breathe

People, plants, and animals need clean air to live.



## For electricity

Air can be used to make electricity. Wind turbines use the wind's energy to make electricity.





# Trees

What do we use trees for?

## Food

We use fruits and nuts that grow on trees.



## To build

We use wood from trees to build homes and furniture.



## Paper

Wood can be used to make paper.





# Soil

How do we use soil?

## Crops

People use soil to grow crops. Crops are plants people grow for food or other needs. People in North Carolina grow many crops, such as sweet potatoes, cotton, tomatoes, and soybeans.



# Fuel

What is fuel and what do we use it for?

## Coal

We use coal to cook and heat our homes. Coal and other fuels are burned for heat or energy.





## Oil

We use oil to run our cars and heat our homes.



## Natural Gas

We use natural gas to heat our homes, heat our water, and cook our food.



# Conservation

Conservation is the saving of resources to make them last longer. How can we conserve our resources?

Turn off water and lights when they aren't being used.





# Recycle



# Replace resources.



**What might happen if we  
don't conserve?**