

# Steve Trash - Rockin' Eco Hero

*"Spreading the green message through world class eco-entertainment."*

Hi.

I'm Steve Trash.

I've been a green entertainer for over 25 years and have toured the planet (Japan, Australia, Canada, Portugal, Spain and the US) sharing what I know about the environment and the ecological world with kids through comedy, really cool illusions, and awesome magic tricks.

Most of my magic tricks are made from things I've found in the trash. Yep... that's right... trash!

You see, the theme of my green magic show is reducing, reusing, and recycling, but the show's overarching premise is that **NATURAL RESOURCES** are **VALUABLE**. Therefore, **GARBAGE** is simply a natural resource that you've **DECIDED** is not valuable anymore.

In my show, kids learn that garbage is soooo valuable that Rockin' Eco Hero - Steve Trash has actually created an awesomely cool green magic show with it!

The **TRASH & RECYCLE** show is a magical, ecological, and educational experience filled with tips on how to Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and fun illustrations of how everything in the natural world is connected.

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I don't just talk about this green message, however, I live it!

20 years ago I built an energy efficient, earth bermed home. I print my promotional materials on post consumer recycled paper. I am always seeking out new ways to reduce my carbon footprint, and most of all, I try to share my passion for this message with kids everywhere I go through my talents... being funny and being magical.

Fortunately for me, I get to come to your community. I've created this TEACHER GUIDE to help make this a deeper learning experience for your students. It should fit nicely into your required state curriculum as well. So, when it's appropriate, please introduce your students to the words, concepts, and videos in it.

It will deepen the experience for them and make for an awesome show day for everyone.

Thanks in advance!

Greenfully yours,

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### **OBJECTIVES OF STEVE TRASH - TRASH & RECYCLE SHOW**

1. Understand that all the earth's resources are valuable and should be used wisely.
2. Encourage kids to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle the earth's resources.
3. Show kids HOW they can use these resources wisely.

### **DURING THE - TRASH & RECYCLE SHOW - STUDENTS WILL LEARN**

1. The earth's natural resources are limited and therefore, valuable.
2. Specific ways kids can Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.
3. About the Water Cycle.
3. What things can be recycled.
4. How to "close the loop" of recycling.
5. About the "web of life".

### **TRASH & RECYCLE SHOW - IDEAS FOR DISCUSSION**

Please review these concepts and vocabulary words with your students. They cover ideas that



are directly and indirectly addressed in the STEVE TRASH - TRASH & RECYCLE SHOW.

- All living creatures must consume resources to live. What natural resources do students use in their everyday lives?
- Of all the planets in our solar system, which planet(s) can support carbon-based lifeforms?
- Why would Steve Trash CHOOSE to do magic tricks with trash? Is he poor? Is he rich? Does he love natural resources so much he wants to share this love in a magic show?
- How does our recycling echo the way our environment recycles water, dirt, and air?
- What are some of the differences between science and magic? How does magic APPEAR to violate natural laws?
- Why is the recycle symbol one continuous loop? What systems in nature are closed/continuous loops as well?

### **TRASH & RECYCLE SHOW - VOCABULARY**

Earth - the only planet in our solar system that supports life.

Environment - where a plant or animal lives and all the things that affect it there.

Garbage or Trash - a natural resource you've decided is not valuable anymore. A natural resource, in the wrong place, at the wrong time, in the wrong amount.

Resources - the things that the Earth provides for us that we can use.

Rockin' Eco Hero - a person that works everyday to make the world a better place to live. (example: Steve Trash and kids like you!)

Recycle - to take a resource that's been used, remanufacture it, and use it again.

Reuse - to use an item more than once.

Reduce - to decrease the amount of waste or energy used.

Water Cycle - the natural movement of water through the biosphere from the atmosphere to Earth and back again.



## **TRASH & RECYCLE SHOW - VIDEO RESOURCES FROM STEVE TRASH**

These are videos I've created to help your kids learn more about the environment. You can view them online on my YOUTUBE channel <http://www.youtube.com/user/stevetrashnetwork> or download them directly from my VIMEO channel <http://www.vimeo.com/stevetrash>

- **TRASH & RECYCLE EXPLANATION VIDEO** - This is a terrific explanation of how the process of recycling works. It covers why we should recycle, and what things are recyclable. 4 minutes long. It's both educational and entertaining. I shot it over 15 years ago. My beard is MUCH more grey now, but the content still holds up. You can view it here and download it here too. <http://www.vimeo.com/21125734>
- **ECO-EDUCATION CHANNEL** - Here you'll find my explanations of THE WATER CYCLE, the value of REDUCING, REUSING, RECYCLING, and even how everything is connected in the WEB OF LIFE using amazing "how did he do that" magic tricks. <http://vimeo.com/channels/180314>

## **ABOUT THE PERFORMER**

You probably won't be surprised, but I actually "walk the talk". I have lived in an earth bermed green home for 20 years and am a member of the National Recycling Coalition and the North American Association for Environmental Education. I am a lifetime member of the Alabama Association for Environmental Education, and a founding board member of Keep The Shoals Beautiful.

Recently my TRASH & RECYCLE show was honored to receive the EEAA'S - BEST ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAM AWARD for 2011 and the OUTSTANDING RC&D PROGRAM award. Online readers of FAST COMPANY MAGAZINE voted Steve Trash (that's me) number eleven in the FAST 50 list of entrepreneurs making the world a better place to live.

I've appeared on many national and international TV shows including - CBS THIS MORNING, ESPN OUTDOORS, CBS MARKETWATCH, CNBC'S AMERICA'S TALKING, VH1 TOP 20 COUNTDOWN and some TV show in Japan that I still can't spell or pronounce the name correctly.

I've been featured in the NEW YORK TIMES, the LOS ANGELES TIMES, the DALLAS MORNING NEWS, FAST COMPANY MAGAZINE, MAGIC MAGAZINE and the I've even been on the cover of the kids' magazine, THE WEEKLY READER.