

How does Caring for Our Community Better Provide for Our Needs?

## Environmental Steward

A steward is someone who is committed to **caring** for something that was given to him or her.

Environmental stewards help to **conserve** our natural resources. **Conservation** is the wise use of resources. We can conserve resources like water and energy by using them only when necessary. Recycling makes resources last longer. If the aluminum is recycled, less aluminum, called bauxite, needs to be mined. If plastic is recycled, less oil is needed to make new plastic.

When paper is recycled, fewer trees must be cut down. Recycling helps reduce pollution. Making products from recycled plastic and water cause less pollution.

