These Guys Can Teach You About Protecting the Environment!

**Backpack Guy**
Many of your school supplies are made from recycled materials including backpacks made from plastic soft drink bottles and pencils made from recycled paper money.

**Clean Air Kid**
Help keep the air clean by riding your bike or walking to nearby places. Conserving electricity also helps keep the air clean because power plants don't have to burn as much fossil fuel.

**Letter Lady**
The U.S. Postal Service recycles many items including paper, plastic, used motor oil and tires, and buys more than $200 million in recycled content products each year. Did you know that pencils can be made from mail that cannot be delivered? Recycle your unwanted mail, too!

**Splash**
You can conserve water. Don't let faucets drip — turn them off tightly after each use. Turn off the faucet when you brush your teeth. Keep a container of water in the refrigerator to avoid running water for a cold drink. Conserves water!

**E2**
E2 conservation by turning off TVs, radios, and computers when not in use. Turn off the lights when you leave the room. Decide what you want before you open the refrigerator door. Use the sunlight whenever you can — sit by a window to read. Save energy!

**Motor Oil Guy**
Careless dumping of used motor oil can harm aquatic life, wildlife and water supplies. Tell your parents to recycle their used oil, filters, and bottles at collection sites across the state. Keep items out of landfills and storm drains.

**Steel Can Guy**
You may not know it, but you probably use one steel can every day. Steel cans, which have been around more than 100 years, package many products like soups, fruits and vegetables. The best part is they can be recycled over and over into new steel products. All new steel contains recycled steel. In fact, when you buy these products, you're buying recycled.

**Compost Guy**
Compost is nature’s way of recycling. You can compost yard waste, like leaves and twigs, and many foods. Leave grass clippings on the lawn when you mow. It's a great way to add nutrients to the soil and saves work and time, too. Don't forget to compost!

**Battery Guy**
Car and truck (lead-acid) batteries must be recycled in South Carolina — it’s the law.

**Plastic Bottle Guy**
Recycled plastic soft drink bottles are made into new containers, T-shirts, stuffed animals and carpet.

**Paper Guy**
Recycled paper is made into notebook paper, grocery bags, envelopes and other items.

**Tree Girl**
We throw away more paper than anything else. What can you do? Save a tree by stating a paper recycling program at your school and buy recycled paper and other materials. Recycle your homework!

**Tire Guy**
Recycled tires are made into rubber for roads, mats, walkways and even mousepads.

**Can Guy**
Recycled aluminum cans are made into new cans and may be back on the store shelf within six weeks of being recycled.

**Dottie Bottle**
Glass is 100 percent recyclable and can be recycled forever.

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