

EARTH CARE TIPS FOR AN EGG-CELLENT EARTH-FRIENDLY EASTER

Celebrating Christ's resurrection is the foundation of our faith. We also know there are many egg-citing activities and traditions families adopt that surround this main event in our life as Christians. Here are some tips from the Earth Care Team at St. Andrews-Covenant to help your activities honor and take care of God's creation as it "springs" back to life.

BASKET & FILLING IDEAS



Get creative by finding reusable containers at home or thrift shops (interesting pots, bowls, metal pails, etc.).

Say NO to plastic Easter grass: Use green paper or tissue cut into strips, colorful fabric or swatches from old clothes, t-shirts, napkins, etc.

Prepare-ahead w/ REAL grass: 10 - 14 days before Easter try lining baskets with newspaper and potting soil and sprinkle liberally with wheatgrass seeds. Moisten and when sprouting begins, place in the sun for beautiful green REAL grass to appear in time for Easter.

Earth-friendly alternatives for chicken-produced eggs include wooden eggs or ones made from paper that can be decorated with markers or color pencils. Consider using small reusable muslin bags instead of eggs for an equally fun egg hunt

ALL NATURAL EGG DYEING

What you'll need:

- white or brown hardboiled eggs
- 1 qt water, per color
- 2 tbs white vinegar, per color
- dye bath containers, per color (bowls or mason jars work great)

Red cabbage = vibrant blue
Red onions = jade green
Grape juice = lavender
Paprika = pinkish red
Onion skins = red, brown, orange, earthy colors
Turmeric powder = yellow
Beet root powder = pink



For each color, boil 1 qt. water with 2 tablespoons of white vinegar. Simmer with color ingredient for 30 minutes. Let cool to room temp. Decorate the eggs before dyeing with wax crayons or after the dyeing with removable stickers. Add the eggs to sit until they reach the desired color (30 minutes to a few hours or for deeper color leave overnight in the refrigerator in the dye bath).

After the egg hunt (and one too many egg salad sandwiches), you can compost your eggs as long as you have used natural dye ingredients.

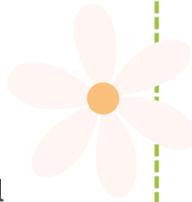
EARTH CARE FRIENDLY EASTER BASKET GIFTS & PRIZES

God's first commandment for humanity is to be caretakers over all God's creation [Genesis 2:15]. One way we can be better stewards is to avoid single-use plastic products when celebrating Easter. Each section offers fun and meaningful items grouped by age to make shopping and assembling easier.

TODDLERS

(AGES 1 - 4)

Soft fruit snacks in paper packaging
Animal crackers, pretzels
Homemade cookies
Local honey sticks
Art supplies
Paper coloring books
Sidewalk chalk (made from natural calcium carbonate)
Wooden toys (puzzles, cars, animals)
Beeswax crayons
Mini board books or cloth books
Finger puppets made from wool or felt



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

(AGES 5 - 10)

Fair trade chocolate eggs
Foil-wrapped treats
Fruit leathers in compostable wraps
Trail mixes in mason jars
Homemade muffins, mini breads
Flower seed packets
Gardening starter set
Nature scavenger hunt card game
Craft kits (like felt animals or simple sewing)
Wooden puzzles or games
Marble games
Beeswax crayons or watercolors
Pressed flower bookmarks or DIY kits
Chapter books
Journals/sketchbooks
Fun socks
All natural fiber pajamas



TEENAGERS

(AGES 11 - 17)

Fair Trade chocolate bars or coins
Organic socks or reusable tote bag
Natural lip balm or handmade soap
Sustainable stationery (recycled notebooks, fun pens)
Craft or journaling supplies.
Hand-poured candle
Eco-friendly room spray
Plantable seed paper
Potted succulent
All cotton pajamas, beach towels, socks

YOUNG ADULTS

(AGES 18+)

Fair Trade coffee, tea, or chocolate
Beeswax candle or handmade bath bomb
Natural skincare products (in tins or glass)
Reusable beeswax wrap or cloth napkins
Upcycled accessories or jewelry
Small plant, herb kit, or seed starter tray

HOLY EASTER CELEBRATIONS



- Come to church to celebrate our risen Lord!
- Take a nature walk and notice the rebirth of the Earth.
- Go on a cloud shape hunt: What shapes does everyone see in the clouds?
- Plant a small container garden in the yard.
- Walk on the beach and collect shells.
- Create a family collage or work of art celebrating the beauty of our Earth and thanking God for this marvelous creation!