Best Practice: How to protect the natural environment in schools

- Teach pupils how to protect the natural environment and avoid pollution. They in turn will teach their parents. Involve them in creating a greener and cleaner school environment.
- Clean and tidy the school and classrooms every day.
- Organise at least one monthly day for thorough cleaning of the school premises, offices, classrooms, sportsgrounds, etc.
- Plant trees and other plants around the school and create green spaces.
- Ensure rubbish bins are available at the school in places where they are needed, and dispose of rubbish in an environmentally friendly manner. DO NOT burn it. Burning waste releases toxic fumes into the environment which can cause health problems.
- Do not burn toxic plastic or other materials. Dispose of it as guided by district authorities.
- Do not leave motor vehicles running when they are not moving. Ensure school vehicles are appropriately serviced and maintained.
- Engage school leaders, teachers and pupils in community projects to improve the environment.
- Reduce water wastage.
- Save electricity and use energy-efficient light bulbs.

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