

# KIDS – GO GREEN FOR WILDLIFE!

## RE-USE YOUR TRASH TO FEED THE BIRDS

Here are two creative ways to reuse toilet paper tubes and plastic water bottles to make bird feeders for your backyard. Instead of throwing this stuff in the trash can, you can help the birds thrive. It is so much better for the earth, the birds and us!



Summer Project  
Toilet Roll Bird Feeder

This is messy and fun. You need a toilet paper roll, a jar of peanut butter (or solid shortening if you have a peanut allergy), a small bowl, a plate, a plastic knife and birdseed (with no peanuts if you have a problem with peanuts). Put the peanut butter in the small bowl. Using the plastic knife spread the peanut butter in a smooth layer on the toilet paper roll. Be sure to check that the peanut butter isn't clumpy and lumpy on the roll because it will drip off in the heat. Then spread some birdseed onto the plate. Hold the toilet paper roll, now covered in peanut butter, by the ends and roll it around on the plate. The birdseed will stick to the roll.

Take your new bird feeder outside and slide it onto a branch. Watch the hungry birds flock to your tree!



All Weather Project  
Water Bottle Bird Feeder

This fun bird feeder to make reuses a water bottle and any size will do. You need a plastic water bottle, scissors, pencils or wooden spoons, string and bird seed.

Use your scissors to poke holes in the water bottle where the pencil or spoon will go through. Then cut a small hole above that one so the birds that land on the pencil or spoon can reach in to get seeds. Next, add your pencils or spoons and fill the bottle with seed. Attach a knotted string through a hole you make in the cap or by tying and knotting the string around the bottle neck.

Hang it from a branch and your yard will be 'for the birds'!

Thank you IBM for supporting TCWC's wildlife education program **Saving Wildlife Saves Us!** A Fun Fact for you from IBM's 'Help Kids Go Green' Activity Kit: "Recycling one glass bottle saves enough electricity to light a 100-watt bulb for four hours!"