NATURE'S RECICLES
COLORING BOOK

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A great oak stands in the forest. Even as it grows, nature's recyclers work at weakening the tree.

Each year the tree returns part of itself to the soil.

Finally, the tree falls and nature's recyclers attack it in force—changing the wood into soil.

Until only a dead skeleton remains.

Young trees grow in strength—fed from the remains of the old oak.

Nature recycles her resources. Do you?
Hi! We’re Nature’s Recyclers!
Mushroom

I suck food out of decaying plants and animals and return it to the soil.
I give off chemicals that break down rocks and wood.
We break decaying matter into small pieces.
I soften decaying matter, making it easier for nature's recyclers to eat.
We turn small pieces of decaying matter into the basic ingredients found in the soil.
Earthworm

I dig tunnels that let air and water into the ground.
We clean up and recycle in the forest.
We can't clean up after you.
We can’t live in landfills where there is no air.
You can help us by recycling your cans, bottles, plastics and paper . . .
— and give us your leaves and grass clippings to eat in a compost pile.
When Visiting Nature . . .

Do — Bring reusable plates and utensils

Don’t — Bring disposables
Join Nature’s Recyclers!

Become a recycler too.