

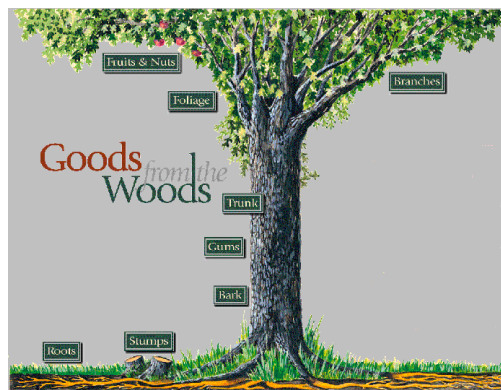
Goods from the Woods

Kindergarten Program

As an addition to the Washington County Kindergarten Science Curriculum, the Washington County 4-H Youth Development Program has adapted a program called *Goods from the Woods* to enrich your students learning experience. During this one hour program students will review the parts of a tree, discover the endless products that derive from trees, which parts of the tree produce the products, and develop an appreciation for how trees affect our lives daily.

Try to think of something you do during the day that has absolutely no relationship to a paper or wood product. Eat? If you enjoyed a piece of fruit today, it's likely that it came from a tree, was wrapped in a protective paper covering and shipped in a cardboard box or a wooden crate. Drink? Coffee beans grow on trees, and many soft drinks contain wood derivatives. Drive? The steering wheel in your car contains tree resin. Shower? Shampoo and soap are made with fatty acids found in trees.

In fact there are more than 5,000 products that we all use and depend on every day that come from trees. The wonderful thing about all of these products is that they come from a renewable resource! Unlike fossil fuels, metals and other natural resources used in making products, trees can be planted and re-grown in an endless cycle so that we can enjoy the many benefits they provide -- clean air, clean water, recreation, wildlife habitat and products -- both now and in the future.



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