Science Sustainability Sleuths Supplies





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aluminum foil	graph paper
battery	hot mitts
bowls (various sizes)	large, deep baking dish
box cutter (optional)	lightbulb, such as a Christmas light or
butter knife, craft stick, or small spatula	flashlight bulb
cardboard	liquid food coloring
cardboard box with lid, such as a pizza box	magnifying glass (optional)
or shoe box	marble or other small spherical object
cardstock	masking tape
cereal or granola	matches
cinnamon	measuring cups
clear cup	measuring spoons
clear plastic bottle with screw cap	medium or large mixing bowl
construction paper (need black as well as	microwave
other colors)	microwave safe clear plastic or glass bowl
crayons, markers, or colored pencils	milk or milk substitute
disposable straws	mixing spoon
empty toilet tubes, paper towel tubes, or	paper
wrapping paper tubes fan or outside wind	paper towels
	parchment paper or wax paper
flour	pen
foil, metal paperclips, binder clips, or electrical wire	pencil
food to cook (such as chips and cheese for	permanent marker
nachos, marshmallows and chocolate for	petroleum jelly, such as Vaseline
s'mores, or tomato soup)	plastic wrap

post it notes (optional)	smashed banana, yogurt, or applesauce
ruler	spices or powders, such as cocoa or drink mix (whatever you have in the kitchen)
salt	•
scissors	spray bottle filled with water
scrap paper (optional)	string or ribbon
shaving cream foam	sunlight or heat lamp
small clear cups	tape
small oven-safe dish	toothpicks (optional)
small towel	toy train tracks (optional)
small toys that can get wet, such as hot	trash bag
wheel cars, plastic fruit, LEGOs, or blocks	water
small weights with holes in the middle,	wooden skewer
such as washers or beads	zipper lock sandwich bag
small weights, such small rocks, marbles, or	
coins	

DAY BY DAY

Day 1: Los Angeles' Environment

zipper lock sandwich bag tape water permanent marker shaving cream foam liquid food coloring

clear cup

clear plastic bottle with screw cap (optional for students – can be teacher led)

matches and help from an adult (optional for students – can be teacher led)

Day 2: Salt Water

clear plastic or glass bowl*

small clear cup that can easily fit inside the bowl*

plastic wrap*

tape*

small weights, such small rocks, marbles, or coins

warm tap water

measuring cup

measuring spoon

salt

mixing spoon

sunlight or heat lamp*

paper

pencil

crayons, markers, or colored pencils (optional)

* For a faster experiment, you can also do this on the stove as a demonstration (or have students get help from an adult), but instead of using plastic or glass, make sure you use stovetop approved materials, such as a pot, boil-safe mug, and foil. Also, make sure you use proper safety gear, such as hot mitts.

Day 3: Sources of Water

¼ cup salt
½ cup flour
3 tablespoons warm water
measuring cups
measuring spoons
medium or large mixing bowl
mixing spoon

microwave markers or paint paper or template* pen or pencil (optional) parchment paper, wax paper, or cling film masking tape (optional) hot mitts (optional)

Day 4: Aqueducts

empty toilet tubes, paper towel tubes, or wrapping paper tubes scissors cardboard

construction paper tape toy train tracks (optional) marble or other small spherical object

Day 5: Groundwater

2 clear cups spoon straw cereal or granola milk or milk substitute smashed banana, yogurt, or applesauce cinnamon food coloring or colored sugar

Day 6: Water Conservation

computers or tablets with access to the internet (if it's possible, have your students use two devices for these activities)

Day 7: Watersheds

large, deep baking dish cups and/or drinking glasses (various sizes) bowls (various sizes) trash bag small toys that can get wet, such as hot wheel cars, plastic fruit, LEGOs, or blocks foil (optional) spices or powders, such as cocoa or drink mix (whatever you have in the kitchen) food coloring or other colored liquids found in the kitchen spray bottle filled with water small towel (optional) graph paper or copy paper pen ruler scissors petroleum jelly, such as Vaseline butter knife, craft stick, or small spatula cardstock, index card, paper plate, or cardboard tape

Day 8: Air Quality

graph paper or copy paper pen ruler magnifying glass (optional) wooden skewer or sharpened pencil disposable straw (large enough to fit over the skewer/pencil) scrap paper (optional) paper towels aluminum foil toothpicks (optional) index cards, thicker paper, playing cards, or spam mail credit cards fan or outside wind string or ribbon small weights, such as washers or beads tape scissors

Day 9: Renewable Energy

lightbulb, such as a Christmas light or flashlight bulb

battery

foil, metal paperclips, binder clips, or electrical wire

cardboard box with lid, such as a pizza box or shoe box

aluminum foil

microwave safe glass or clear plastic bowl or casserole dish (must be able to fit upside down inside the box)

masking or duct tape

ruler or stick

box cutter (optional)** help from an adult scissors

a sunny day

hot mitt/pot holder

oven-safe dish (small enough to fit inside your upside-down bowl)

black construction paper or dark colored baking tray (small enough to fit inside the box)

food to cook (such as chips and cheese for nachos, marshmallows and chocolate for s'mores, or tomato soup)

Day 10: You Make a Difference

pen or pencil

paper

clipboard (or hard surface to write on)

post it notes (optional) scissors (optional) tape (optional)