

Pick 5 For the Environment

The EPA's [Pick 5 for the Environment](#) program is a simple way to select actions and share results. Pick 5 is included as an investigation in all of the K-4 Keepers modules. Selecting the Pick 5 investigations for your classroom allows you and your students to create a comprehensive (land, air, water and living things) action plan or a plan that focuses on a specific Earth sphere.

The amount of information you provide or share with the Pick 5 network is up to you. You don't need to enter an e-mail address to join. You don't need to post anything to the related social networks. You can simply review the action options with your students and have them decide which 5 actions they want to take. They need to select at least 5, but you could join more than once and choose more ways to pledge to protect the environment.

Review all of the Pick 5 action options and identify which ones are really "doable" for your students. Planting a tree or using pesticides safely might not be a reasonable choice. Using only the water you need or not littering are simple ones that can be easily put into action. Let your students decide which actions they want to take, why those actions will make a difference and how they will do it. Brainstorm to figure out ways to get others to take the pledge - their families or other classes at your school. Decide how they are going to share what they are doing and their success.