

# Recycling

## What Is Recycling?

Recycling is when things that are no longer wanted (like rubbish) are reused to make new things. Recycling helps the world by causing less pollution and protecting the homes of wild animals. It also saves energy.

## Which Materials Can Be Recycled?

Paper, plastic, glass, metal, fabric, electronics (such as computers and smart phones) and even food can be recycled.



## How Can We Recycle?

Most homes have recycling bins so that we can recycle our own rubbish, such as drinks bottles and cereal boxes. The rubbish can also be taken to recycling banks, such as those found at the supermarket or at local recycling centres.

## How Are Things Recycled?

Large trucks will usually take away the rubbish from the recycling bins. The rubbish is then sorted (either on the truck or at a sorting facility) and taken to factories to be made into something new.

## Glass, Metal and Plastic

Glass, metal and plastic are washed and then broken down into small pieces. The pieces are then melted and made into new things, such as glass jars and plastic bottles.

## Paper

Paper is recycled by cleaning it in soapy water. Any ink is washed off and the wet paper is mixed and rolled out really thin. It is then left to dry.



This symbol is the recycling symbol. It is used all around the world.

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