

Recycling Information for Kids in Butler County

Be a
Recycling
Superhero!



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What exactly is "waste"?

Waste is any object leftover, rejected, surplus, abandoned, unusable or otherwise no longer wanted and then discarded.



How can you help reduce waste?

You can help to reduce waste by learning about and practicing the three R's of waste management: **REDUCE**, **REUSE**, and **RECYCLE**! Practicing all three of these activities every day makes you a key player in a healthier and safer environment.

REDUCE:

- ⇒ Buy and use less! Buy only what you need and use all of what you buy.
- ⇒ Make wise selections by purchasing products that don't have too much packaging.
- ⇒ Precycle by purchasing products in packaging that can be easily recycled.
- ⇒ Avoid single-serve containers whenever possible.
- ⇒ Think BIG! Buying in bulk when it's an item you are sure you will use.
- ⇒ Buy liquid concentrates rather than diluted products.
- ⇒ Refuse store bags and bring your own reusable bags.
- ⇒ Avoid disposable items when you can.
- ⇒ Say NO to junk mail!
- ⇒ Start a garden to grow your own food.
- ⇒ Start a compost or vermiculture (worm composting) pile to transform your household garbage (food wastes, coffee grounds, etc.), into compost for your garden.
- ⇒ Don't buy water in plastic bottles—buy a reusable bottle and refill!

REUSE:

You can reuse things instead of throwing them away, or pass them on to others who could use them too! Remember, one man's trash is another man's treasure! Here are some examples of reuse...

- ⇒ Take along washable cups or travel mugs when you are out and about!
- ⇒ Reuse disposable items whenever you can.
- ⇒ Learn to repair things when they break.
- ⇒ When you have a reusable item you need to get rid of, donate it to charity or hold a yard sale.
- ⇒ When you do need to purchase something, check yard sales and charitable outlets first to see if they have what you need before selecting something new.
- ⇒ Use reusable cloth or paper gift bags instead of wrapping paper.



RECYCLE

Recycling is when you take something that would have otherwise been thrown away to places where they can be remade into either the same product or new products.

- ⇒ Get to know your recycling system and **GET RECYCLING RIGHT!** For questions about what can be put into your curbside recycling bin, always check with your waste hauler. It is more important than ever to be sure you are putting the correct recyclables in your bin. The incorrect items can cause an entire load of recyclables to be rejected and thrown away.
- ⇒ For questions about hard to recycle items like computers, tires, etc., call the Butler County Department of Recycling & Waste Management at (724) 284-5305.



Remember... GET RECYCLING RIGHT!

Do Your Part...

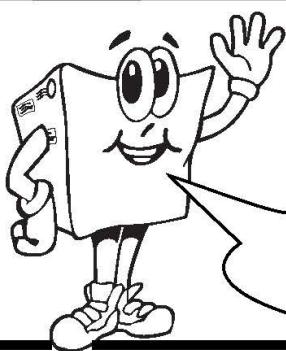
Recycling rules have changed—please contact your curbside hauler to be sure the **RIGHT recyclables are in your bin!**



The wrong recyclables can spoil everything.

WHEN IN DOUBT, LEAVE IT OUT!

Thank YOU for doing the **RIGHT thing.**



WORD SEARCH

Find my favorite
WORD BANK words going up, down, forward,
backward or diagonal in the puzzle below.

E	V	R	E	S	N	O	C	M	O
B	R	E	C	Y	C	L	E	U	N
A	E	G	T	A	N	R	O	N	P
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L	A	N	D	F	I	L	L	A	M
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WORD BANK

RECYCLE	REUSE
REDUCE	BURN
ALUMINUM	ENERGY
LANDFILL	GLASS
CONSERVE	PAPER
BATTERY	SAVE

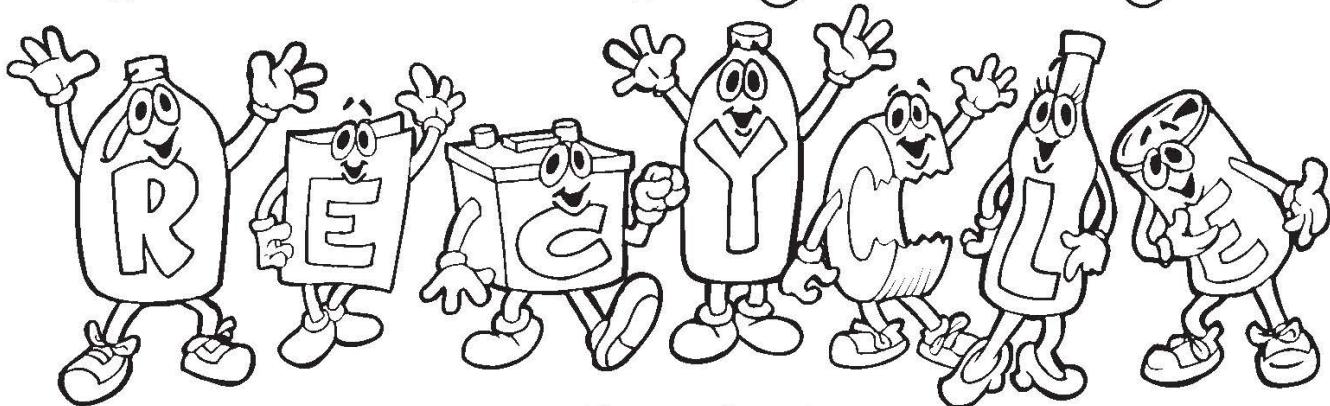


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Please Note: You should always call your waste / recycling hauler if you have any questions about your curbside recycling.

Meet the Recycle Guys



Names, please!

Draw a line from each Recycle Guy to their name.

Sam Soda
Bottle

Glenda Glass

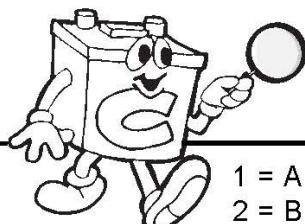
Bart Battery

Perry Paper

Molly Milk Jug

Clayton Can

Toby Tire



Use this number-letter code to find
the Recycle Guys' secret message.

1 = A	5 = E	9 = I	13 = M	17 = Q	21 = U	25 = Y
2 = B	6 = F	10 = J	14 = N	18 = R	22 = V	26 = Z
3 = C	7 = G	11 = K	15 = O	19 = S	23 = W	
4 = D	8 = H	12 = L	16 = P	20 = T	24 = X	

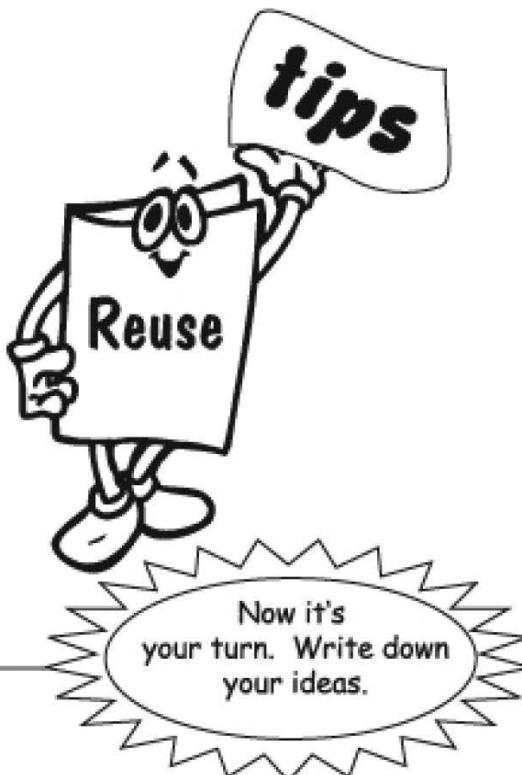
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Reuse It, Don't Trash It!

Many items around your house can be reused by you or someone else.



Now it's
your turn. Write down
your ideas.

How can I reuse?

1. Empty soda bottle

2. Sweater that's too small

3. Magazine I've finished reading

4. Scraps of ribbon or yarn

5. Empty coffee can

6. Pair of in-line skates I've outgrown

- Donate reusable toys, books and clothes to charity.
- Pass on clothes to younger friends or family.
- Wrap gifts in reusable gift bags.
- Reuse gift bows, gift bags and wrapping paper.
- Exchange toys, games and books with friends.
- Use washable napkins instead of paper.
- Save used items such as buttons, fabric, yarn, beads and colored paper for craft projects.
- Turn old cans or jars into storage containers for school and art supplies.
- Write on BOTH sides of the paper.
- Have a garage sale.

