

Tips for Recycling

- ♻️ *Precycling is the step before recycling.* This is the process of making a conscious choice to purchase or use products and services which will have a less harmful effect on the Environment.
- ♻️ *Know what is recycled in your community.* Some items may have special collections and recycling locations (oil & antifreeze at gas stations; plastic bags at grocery stores; six-pack rings and house batteries at schools; grass and leaves at garden centers; etc....). If the product is packaged in material that is NOT recycled in your community, it becomes GARBAGE and is wasted!
- ♻️ *Buy products that use less packaging.* Product packaging accounts for about 33% of all household garbage. If we refuse to buy products that are over packaged, the manufacturers will by force to change their packaging to be more environmentally responsive.
- ♻️ *Close the loop "Buy Recycled".* Choose to buy products that are made from recycled material. It's only recycling if you buy recycled products.
- ♻️ *Buy recyclable products.* Choose products that are made of or packaged in recyclable material. Paper bags, cardboard boxes, glass bottles, aluminum and tin cans, and some plastics are easily recycled.
- ♻️ *Avoid reliance on the word "degradable".* A degradable product must be exposed to the element to breakdown. In a land fill these items do not breakdown because they are protected by tons of debris and dirt.
- ♻️ *Avoid disposable and one-time use products.* These are a waste of resources and energy to produce. In most cases there are reusable alternatives.
- ♻️ *Buy in bulk or concentrated forms whenever possible.* This usually saves money and reduces the amount of waste that is thrown away.
- ♻️ *Reuse items.* Try to reuse items as many times as possible. If you do not have a use for items that are still good or operational, donate them to a local charity or environmental organization. Ask to see their wish list; you may have something they need. Many items can also be used for other things than what they were first purchase for. Be creative!
- ♻️ *If you are not happy about the packaging you see, speak up.* Let manufactures and store managers know that you are not happy with the way a product is packaged.