

WHAT IS RECYCLING?

What is **recycling**? Use the words in the word bank to fill in the gaps.

Recycling means taking _____ products like _____ bottles, paper, and _____ cans, and processing them so that they can be _____ again.

The _____ process is a bit different for each material being recycled. Recycling can be very complicated and can use a lot of _____. Some recyclable items can be fully recycled into new _____, but sometimes only part of an item can be recycled.

It's really important to remember the phrase Reduce, Reuse, Recycle®. Before we think about how we can recycle products, we should try to _____ the amount of waste we produce. We should then try to _____ as much of our waste as we can. You'd be surprised how many things you can make out of an old box, yoghurt pot, or toilet roll tube!

Word bank

plastic useful recycling
products reduce reuse energy
waste aluminium



Remember to check to see what the recycling rules are in your area!

With the help of a grown-up or older sibling, have a look through the recyclables in your home. See if you can sort them into different groups. How many **different types of recyclables** are there in your home? Which group has the most items in?

Look at the recyclables you're getting rid of. Are there any you could reuse for another purpose?