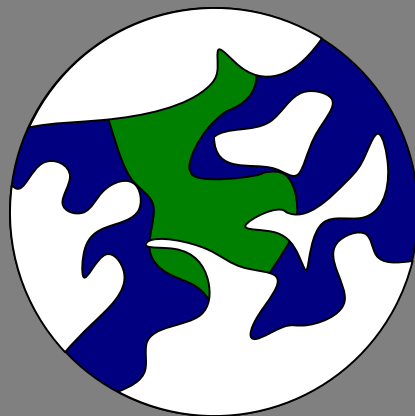


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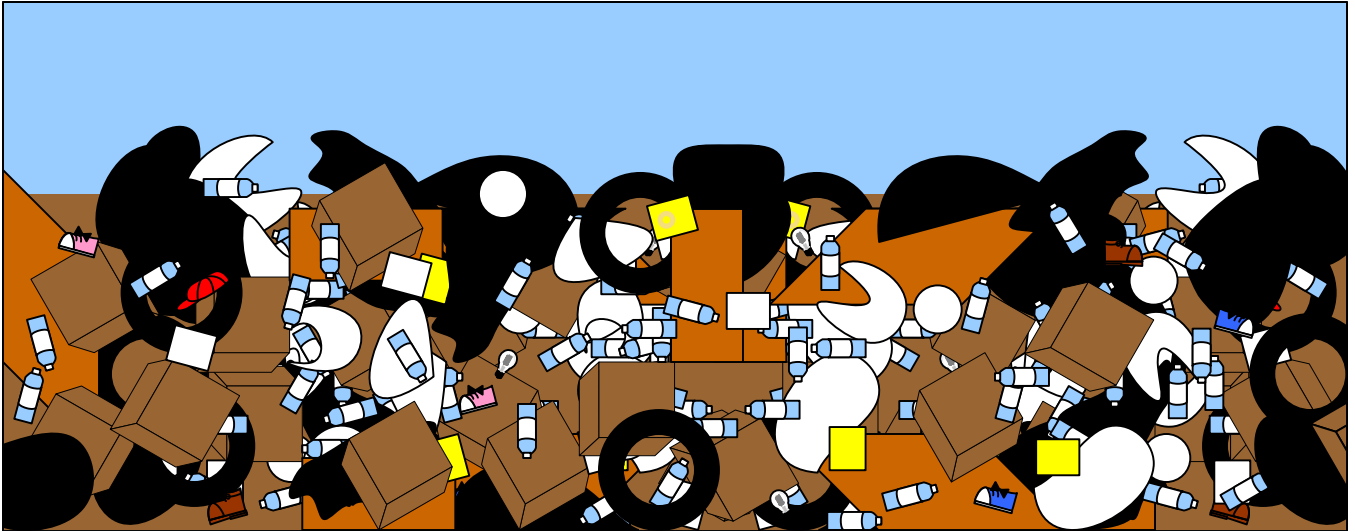


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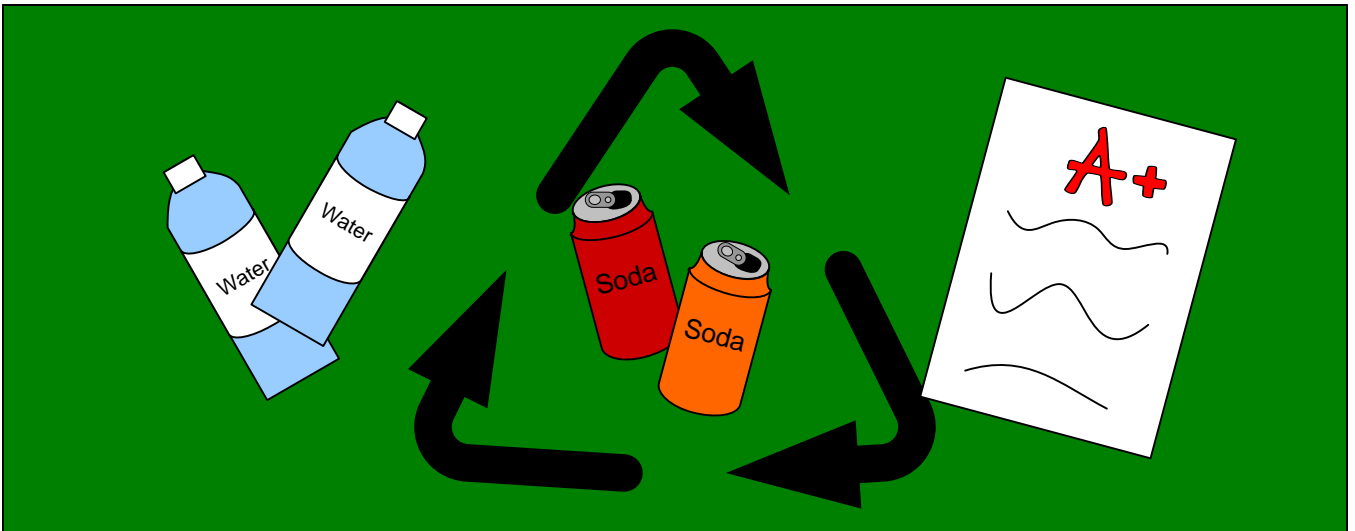
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The world needs saving and you can help! Every day people use things and throw them away. What does it mean to throw something away? Where is away? Do you know where the trash goes after it is put in the trashcan? The trash man picks it up, but then where does it go? Most of it gets piled up in a landfill.



A landfill is land that has been set aside for trash. The trash man takes the trash to the landfill and dumps it there. The trash keeps piling up and up in the landfill. Most of the time landfills are not out where they can be seen because most people do not want to see huge piles of trash every day. But the trash is still there, even if you cannot see it, and it is still a problem. So what can you do about it?



You might already know that you can recycle your water bottles, soda cans, and paper.



Recycle

Don't throw it away! Use it in a new way!

There are three very important things you can do to help there be less trash. One thing you can do is recycle. When



you recycle you take something that you were going to



throw away, and it can be used to make something new.

Do you know there are a lot of ways you can recycle?

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Did you know you can recycle your milk bottles and soup



cans? You can recycle the mail you get in the mailbox that



you do not need. You can recycle the newspaper when



everyone has read it. You can recycle a lot of the boxes



your snacks come in, like a cup of fruit or a box of candy.

You can even recycle the boxes your toys and games

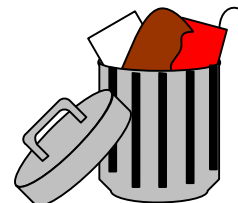


come in.

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There are so many things you can recycle! If you don't know if you can recycle something, just look on the pack or box and see if there is a little triangle with a number in it. If the number is 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, then you can recycle it! To recycle, just put your things in a recycle bin. If you don't have one at your house, ask you mom or dad to help you find one near you.

Do you know what is even better than when you recycle? Reusing! Reusing is another thing you can do to help save the earth. Reusing is when you can use something over and over and do not have to throw it away. There are lots of ways you can reuse things instead of having to throw things away.

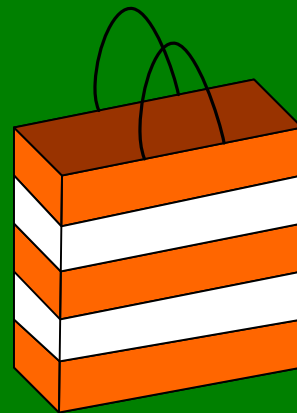
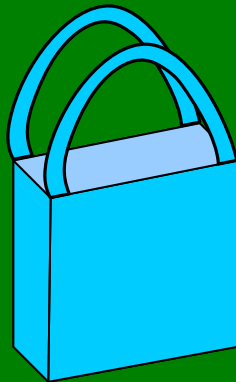
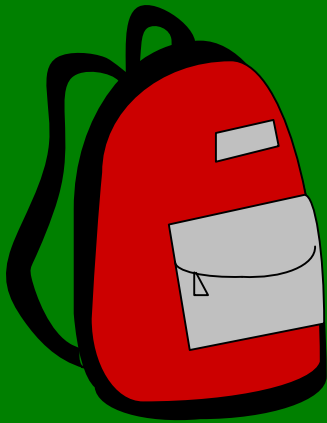


Reuse



Don't use things you have to trash! Use things that will last!

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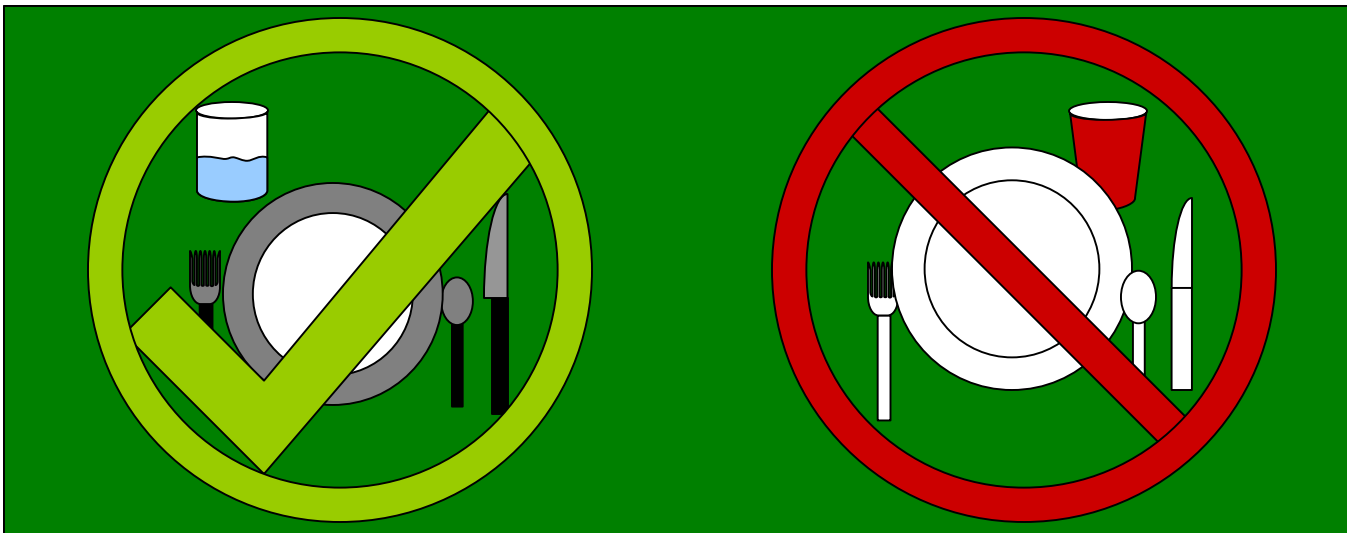


One big way you can reuse is by using your own bags when you go shopping. When you go to the store, take your own bags with you. Then, when you check out and buy your things, give the person helping you check out your bags to
10 put your things in.

That way, you don't have to use the plastic or paper bags from the store. Plastic bags are made from oil and are very bad for nature. Oil is a material that is very hard to find and costs a lot of money to get. Plus, plastic bags are a type of trash that almost never goes away. They hurt animals, birds, and fish. Paper bags are made from trees, which is also not good. The best idea is to use your own bags. Your bags will not be made from oil or trees and you will not have to throw them away. You can use them over and over.



Even the napkins you throw away can add up to be a lot of trash. When it is meal time, try to use things you can use over and over without throwing them away. When you do have to use something you will throw away, like a napkin, try to use only a little bit.



Another big way you can reuse is by not using paper or plastic plates, bowls, cups, forks, knives, spoons or other things you use to eat and then throw away. If you have plates that you can wash and use again, use those! Throwing away plates and cups is very wasteful! Don't
12 make trash if you do not need to.

Those are two ways you can reuse things. You can use your own bags when you shop and you can use plates, cups, and forks that can be used over and over instead of ones you throw away. There are other ways you can reuse things instead of throwing them away. What other ways can you think of?

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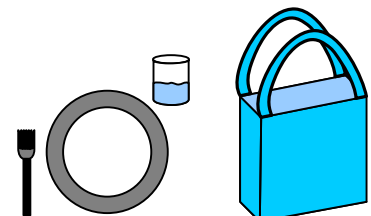


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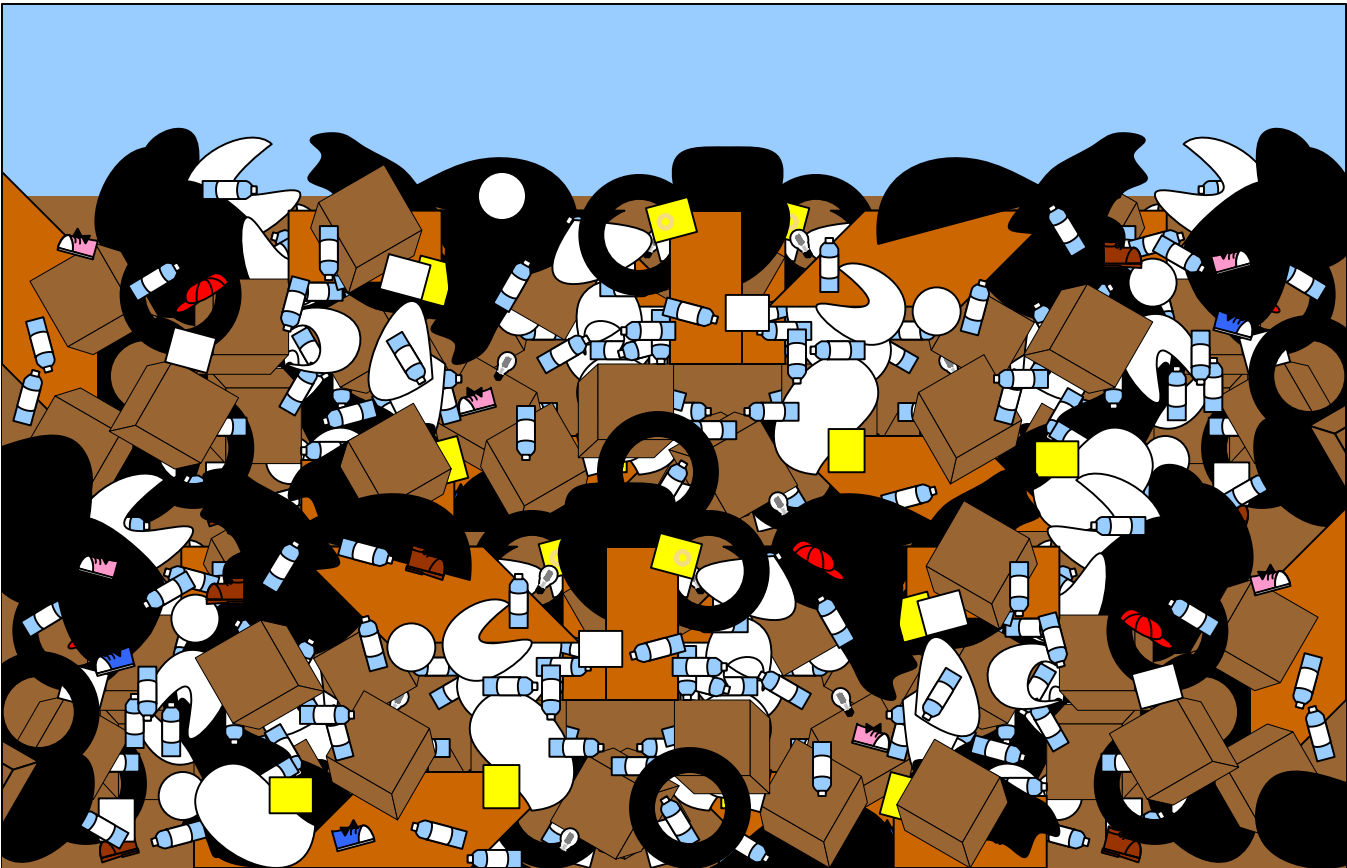


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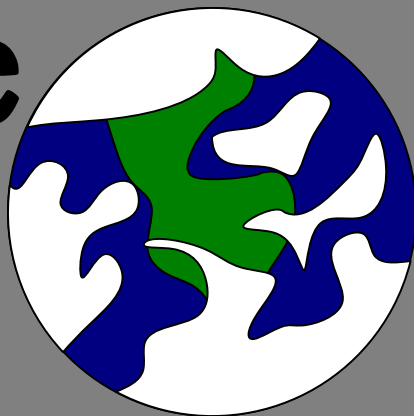
The world is filling up with trash. The trash piles keep getting bigger and bigger. The world needs to be saved and you can help! Use things you can reuse again and again, like your own shopping bags and plates and cups you can wash. If you have to use something you throw away, remember to recycle it if you can.



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Recycle



Reuse

You can do your part to make less trash and help make the world a better, cleaner place. You can help save the world!