

Recycle Week

Recycle Week is an event that happens every year, usually in June. It is a time to remind people about what can be recycled, including items that often get forgotten about and are thrown away. These are containers like shampoo and conditioner bottles, bleach bottles, tissue boxes and deodorant cans.



What is recycling?

Recycling is when objects made from glass, steel, paper, cardboard, fabric, certain plastics and even waste food, are taken to a recycling plant and turned into other things. They are used again, recycled into something else and not just thrown away into a landfill. We wash out things like plastic containers and put them in a separate rubbish bag or bin for recycling. We can all do our bit to help the planet and save the environment.

Big Facts

- Both metal and glass can be recycled again and again without losing any of the quality. If we recycled all the steel packaging we used in a year, it would save enough energy to make over 50,000 return train journeys between London and Edinburgh!
- Recycling one drinks can could save enough energy to power a TV for four hours!
- Clothing can be recycled.



Why is it important to recycle?

- Recycling saves resources. When we recycle, used materials are made into new products - that way we use less natural resources, saving things like coal and wood.
- Recycling saves energy. Recycling materials into new products uses a lot less energy than making new products from raw materials.
- Recycling helps protect the environment. Recycling reduces the need for mining materials from the ground which causes a large amount of air and water pollution.
- Landfills are huge areas where rubbish dumped and takes years to rot, giving off dangerous greenhouse gases. Landfill sites take up lots of space.



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1. What do you learn about in Recycle Week?

2. Which materials can be recycled and what happens to them?

3. How do you prepare items to be recycled and what do you have to do with them?

4. How much energy could be saved if we recycled a year's worth of steel packaging?

5. What do you recycle at home?

6. How are resources saved by recycling?

7. How does recycling save energy?

8. What could we recycle at school?

9. What happens to rubbish that isn't recycled?
