



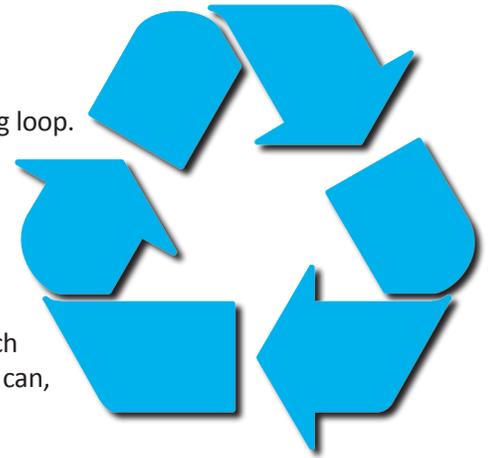
DECEMBER

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

Have you ever seen this three-arrow symbol before? It's called the *Mobios*, or recycling loop.

The arrows stand for the steps of the **RECYCLING PROCESS**:

1. You collecting recyclable materials and sending them to a recycling center
2. Factories making them into new products
3. You buying products made from recycled materials



Recycling, or making new items from old ones, requires a lot less money and energy, and saves a lot of our natural resources. This practice also saves space in landfills, which can (and do) fill up quickly with other trash. Before you toss anything into the garbage can, consider the three R's...

REDUCE *Can I cut back on how many new products I use?*

Use a reusable water bottle and shopping bags instead of plastic ones.

REUSE *Can I use this item for something else?* Use an old t-shirt as a rag instead of throwing it away.

RECYCLE *Is this recyclable?*

Toss paper, cans and plastic in recycling bins instead of the regular trash. Most devices, batteries and ink cartridges can be recycled too! Just check with your local electronics store.

MAKE YOUR OWN WIND CHIMES! (WITH AN ADULT)

What you'll need:

- Hammer
- 1 Nail
- Acrylic paint
- Paint brush
- 5 tin cans
- Washers
- Yarn or string

What you'll do:

- Rinse out and dry the cans.
- Paint and decorate them.
- Cut a small hole in the bottom of each one.
- Run yarn through two washers inside the cans, and knot the ends. (One washer should hold the yarn in place, the other one makes a satisfying clanking sound when it hits the can.)
- Hang the cans at different lengths from a porch or branch.



MATCHING

Be a recycling super hero! Which items belong in the recycling bin? Which go in the trash? Can any be reused? Match the item to the appropriate action!

STYROFOAM CUPS OR CONTAINERS

READ MAGAZINES

SODA CANS OR BOTTLES

CARDBOARD

FOOD WRAPPERS

BOTTLE LIDS

