

WHY IS RECYCLING GOOD?

Recycling is something good to do because it means you are saving our planet little by little.

When you recycle you are keeping harmful substances out of our landfill and keeping harm out of the way of wildlife. Wildlife can be harmed if we don't recycle because they might eat these harmful substances and it can kill them. When we recycle we are saving lives because many of these recyclable products don't decompose and if they are burned they can produce bad air pollution. It is a good idea to recycle, whether it be to the recycling center or making projects out of recyclable products. Making recycling projects is fun.



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There are many projects you can make from recyclable products. You can recycle plastic, paper and metals helping to reduce the waste going into the landfill. Turning recyclable items into projects not only saves our environment, it helps to teach our children the value of preserving materials and limiting waste. It also saves you money because instead of spending money to buy something new, you can make it.

You can recycle fabrics or denim from old jeans into a diary or book cover, purse, cut-off shorts, and rugs. All you need is scissors, thread, needle, or glue. You can cut old jeans into small pieces of denim to work with. You can use needle and thread to sew them together, or you can use glue and glue them together in to any project you decide to make.

For old CDs, you can turn them into ornaments for a Christmas tree. Use any kind of decorative substance whether it be glue, glitter, marker, paint, felt or old fabric and make a picture on the CD.

You can recycle paper into smaller pieces to make paper mache. Tear



Paper Mache

the paper into smaller pieces and dip into a liquid made of three parts glue and one part water. Place the paper mache around an object you can later remove, like a balloon. You must allow the paper/glue product to dry for several days then remove the object used. Then you can take marker or paints and decorate it as you would like.

You can take empty juice and milk cartons and make them into a bird feeder. Wash out the carton and allow it to dry. Cut a hole in the side of the carton, halfway down to the bottom, and move the square piece allowing the carton to be opened in the middle. Fill the inside of the carton with bird food and tie to tree or pole.

To recycle bottle caps, you clean the bottle cap and you can make a locket or earrings by decorating the inside. You can also make a big project out of bottle caps such as a door mat. You find a piece of wood and start gluing your bottle caps to it ridge down. It is fun if you use different color bottle caps and design a picture.

You can recycle plastic juice bottles, preferably the size of a Snapple or vitamin water bottle, and make piggy banks. You will need thread spools,



Plastic Bottle
Piggy Bank



Milk Carton
Bird Feeder



Bottle Cap
Mermaid Rug

glue, construction paper, and scissors. First you take construction paper and make eyes, ears, and nose of the pig. Once those are done, glue the nose pieces onto the lid of the bottle, the eyes just above the neck of the bottle, and the ears on the top. Next, take the four spools and make legs on the other side of the bottle. Make sure to glue them on good. Last, use your scissors to make a slit about half way between where you glued the ears and the end of the bottle for coins. At the end take a small sliver of construction paper and curl it around a pen or pencil. When paper is curled glue it to the bottom of the bottle for a tail. The piggy bank can be emptied through the snout of the pig.

There are various recycling projects out there on the internet. Please take a moment to look before you dump another plastic bottle, old CD, newspaper, bottle cap, or any other recyclable substance. You may very well end up making something you would have spend tons of money on.

You can find more information at:

http://www.ehow.com/list_7457738_recycling-projects.html

<http://spoonful.com/crafts/recyclable-projects>



CD Christmas
Ornament