

Home Survey

Take a look at your household habits. Are there ways you can reduce, reuse and recycle even more?

Rethink and Reduce

Look in your kitchen garbage and find four items that your family regularly throws away.
Could you rethink any of these items in your garbage? (Hint: Think about the four Rs.)

Item

Example: Plastic sandwich wrapper

Example: Apple core

How can you rethink it?

Pack my sandwich in a reusable container.

Put it in the yard waste bin so it can be composted.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Reuse

What type of bag does your family use for shopping?

☐ Plastic

☐ Paper

☐ Reusable bag

If your bag is not reusable, what do you do with it afterward?

☐ Throw it away

☐ Reuse it

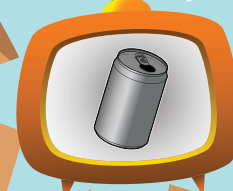
If you use reusable bags, what does your family do to remember to bring the reusable bags to the store?

☐ Store them in the car

☐ Keep them with the coats and jackets

☐ Hang them by the front door

☐ Other:



Did you know?

Recycling one aluminum can saves the amount of energy it takes to run a TV for three hours.



Paper



Landfill

Did you know?

18% of Snohomish County's landfill is paper that could have been recycled.

Recycle

Do you have recycling collection where you live?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, where are your recycling carts located?

Does everyone in your home know what's recyclable?

☐ Yes

☐ No

List three recyclable items here:

Does your family recycle anywhere else?

☐ School

☐ Work

☐ Community Center

☐ Park

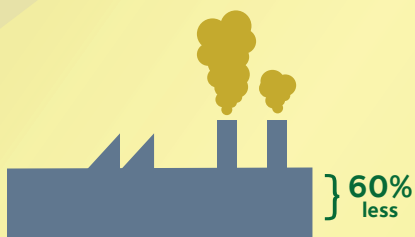
☐ Other

Pick three actions your family is willing to take to reduce, reuse and recycle. Be prepared to share your ideas with your class.

All of the items below are accepted in your home recycling.
Circle the items below that your family recycles.

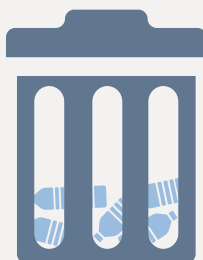


Educate



Paper Fact: Recycling paper uses 60% less energy than making a new piece of paper, reduces pollution, and helps preserve forests.
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Actions: Create a paper reuse box for your home. Use both sides of paper before recycling it. Buy paper made with recycled content.



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of garbage {

Plastic Fact: Did you know one third of what we throw away in the U.S. is packaging and single-use containers?
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Actions: Bringing your lunch in reusable containers and filling a reusable bottle means there is nothing to throw away. You can wash the containers and reusable bottle to use again and again.



Aluminium Fact: The same amount of energy is used to make 1 completely new soda can or to make 20 cans from recycled aluminum.
- Can Manufacturers Institute

Actions: Recycle empty clean cans. A recycled aluminum can can be back on the store shelf in 60 days as a new can!
- Northeast Recycling Council

To learn more and begin educating others visit:

Recycling World

www.thinkgreen.com/recycle-world

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