



Recycling in Montgomery County

Activities for Children Living in Single-Family Homes



For more information, call 240-777-6400 or
visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling



Recycling in Montgomery County is Easy!

Why recycle? Making new things from recycled materials saves money, energy, and the Earth's natural resources. It is so important that Montgomery County has made it easy for you and your family to recycle by providing a blue recycling bin and a blue mixed paper wheeled cart so your recyclable materials are picked up at the curb in front of your house on your recycling day.

There are five kinds of recyclables that can be picked up at your curb.

1 Commingled Materials



Glass Bottles and Jars



Steel/Tin and Aerosol Cans



Aluminum Cans and Foil Products



Plastic Bottles



Plastic Containers, Jars, Tub and Lids



Plastic Flower Pots, Buckets and Pails

2 Mixed Paper



Clean, Dry White Paper, Colored Paper, and Cards



Newspapers



Magazines and Comic Books



Unwanted Mail and Envelopes



Coloring Books, Paperback Books, and Phone Books

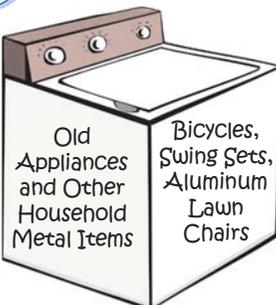


Cardboard and Snack Food Boxes



Milk/Juice Cartons and Frozen Food Boxes

3 Scrap Metal



4 Yard Trim



5 Christmas Trees and Wreaths





Recycling Word Search

Can you help Rocco, the Recycling Retriever, find all of these words related to Montgomery County recycling in the letters below?

Reduce
Reuse
Recycle
Plastic Bottles
Yogurt Cups
Glass Jars

Commingled
Mixed Paper
Newspapers
Magazines
Mail
Shredded Paper

Coloring Books
Construction Paper
Aluminum Cans
Soup Cans
Cardboard Boxes
Cereal Box

Flower Pot
Compost
Peanut Butter Jar
Scrap Metal
Rocco

F	T	C	L	V	A	T	H	Y	R	O	M	I	X	E	D	P	A	P	E	R	T	U	C	B
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Did You Know?

The energy saved each year by recycled cans could light the city of Washington, D.C. for 3.7 years.

About 1 billion trees worth of paper are thrown away every year in the U.S.

An average glass bottle contains over 25% recycled glass, and it can be recycled over and over. Glass never wears out.

Half of all polyester carpet made in the U.S. uses recycled plastic bottles.

A Busy Morning in the Kitchen!

It's amazing how many things can be recycled in your home! Can you find all of the recyclable commingled materials and mixed paper in this picture?

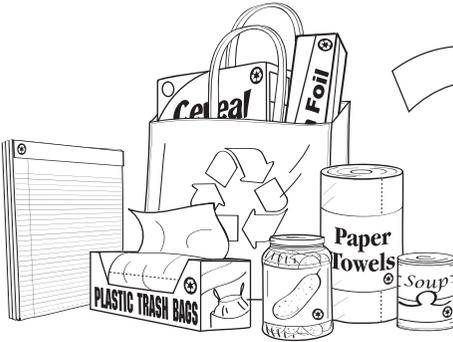
(Hint: There are 27 different items!)





What happens to recyclable materials after they are picked up?

Bring life to recycling by coloring in the recycling process.



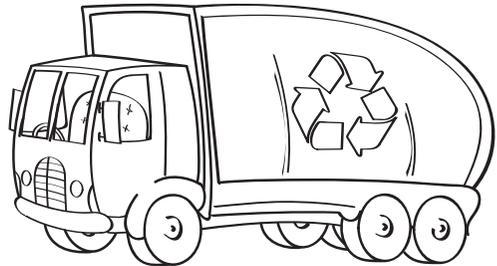
Your parents can buy new recycled items at the store.



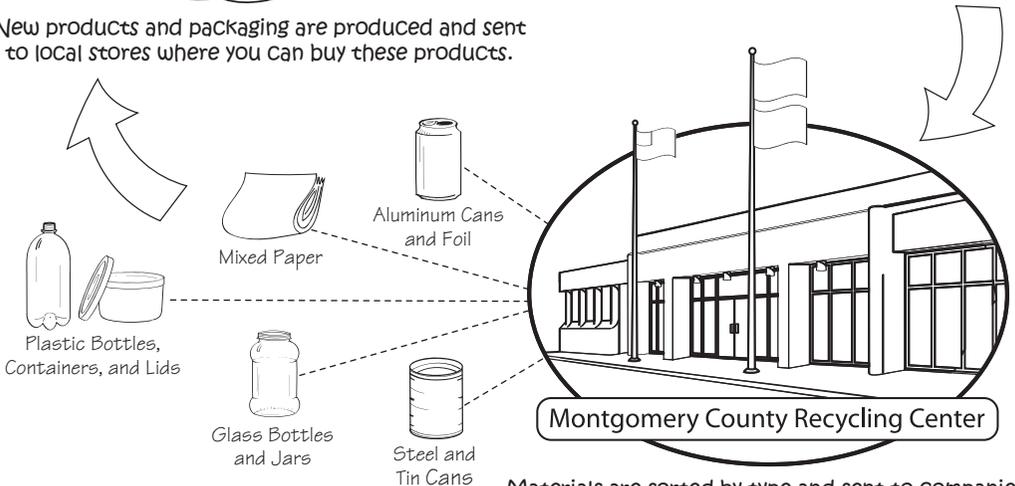
You place empty and clean recyclable materials in the Commingled Materials bin and the Mixed Paper cart and they are collected at your curb.



New products and packaging are produced and sent to local stores where you can buy these products.



Montgomery County collects and transports the materials to the Montgomery County Recycling Center.



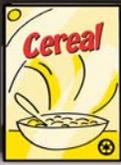
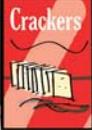
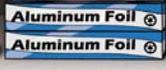
Materials are sorted by type and sent to companies that will make them into new products and packaging.

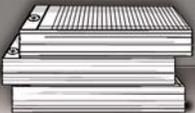
Buying Recycled Products - Closing the Loop

All our hard work to recycle will be wasted if we don't remember to buy new products made from our recycled materials. So when you are at the store with your parents, look for this symbol  on a package. It means that item or its packaging was made with recycled material.

Decode the secret message!

Each item on the store shelf below has a letter below it. Circle the letters below the items that have a  symbol on them to decode the message.

								
I	M	E	W	I	L			
								
L	C	F	H	E	R	L	S	
								
O	T	D	H	E	A	F		
								
R	H	E	C					
								
L	S	E	I	M	F	O	R	E

	
P	
	
R	S
	
Y	C



Forgot One!

Jimmy forgot to recycle a plastic bottle.

Can you help him find his way to the commingled materials recycling bin on the curb? Be on the look out for other ways you can save resources and help the environment.

