

RECYCLING THE RIGHT WAY

Test your family with this simple materials activity! Are they recycling the right pastics the right way?

At Severn Trent we love recycling! We recycle your sewage into electricity, fertilizer and clean water. We've even started to recycle food. We'd love you to reuse your water bottle and fill it with tap water to reduce the use of plastic bottles.

Task 1: Label the objects thinking carefully about what each item is made of.

Task 2: Cut them out and match them to the correct recycling bin on the next page.



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WHICH BIN DOES IT GO IN?



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1. Which bin had the most items in it?
2. Write down any other items you can think that you could recycle into these bins.
3. Which of these bins do you have at home? If you don't have them all why don't you try making one!
4. Were there any items you could reuse? If yes what were they?

Did you know that we have a national recycling week every year? It began in 2004 and normally happens in June.



Do you have any rubbish that could be recycled? Check out the Kids zone webpage to find out what you could make!

We all want to do our bit with recycling plastic whenever we can but how do you know that you are recycling in the right way?

Match these recycling symbols up with the right description by writing the number next to the symbol:



1.

This packaging can be recycled by 75% or more of local authorities.

2.

This packaging is only recycled by less than 20% of local authorities so must be checked. This often includes to crisp packets.

3.

This is a code to show what type of plastic is used in the packaging. Most local authorities collect plastics with numbers 1 and 2 on as these are used to make most household plastic bottles and packaging. Plastic carrier bags usually have a number 4 and are currently not widely collected with household recycling.

4.

This packaging should be rinsed before it is recycled so that food waste does not affect the recycling process. Rinsing also helps to keep recycling centres clean and free from rats etc.

5.

Crush this packaging so that you have more space in your bin and so that it is easier to take to the recycling centre. Keeping the cap on a squashed bottle helps it to stay flat.

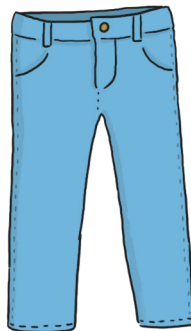
ANSWERS



DRINKS CAN



PLASTIC CUP



TROUSERS



LEAVES



MAGAZINES



BOTTLE



SOCKS



GRASS



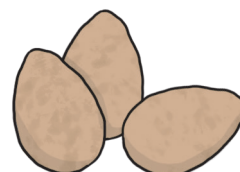
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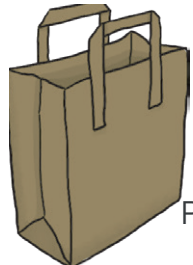
FOOD CAN



CLINGFILM



EGGS



PAPER BAG



PLASTIC BAG



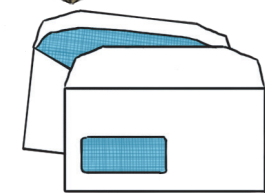
WATER BOTTLE



DRESS



CARROTS

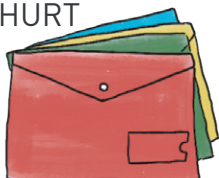


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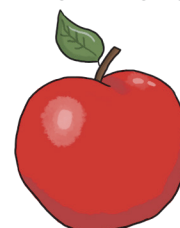


YOGHURT POT

PLASTIC STRAW



PLASTIC WALLET



APPLE



NEWSPAPER



CEREAL BOX



CARDBOARD BOX