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Activity Book

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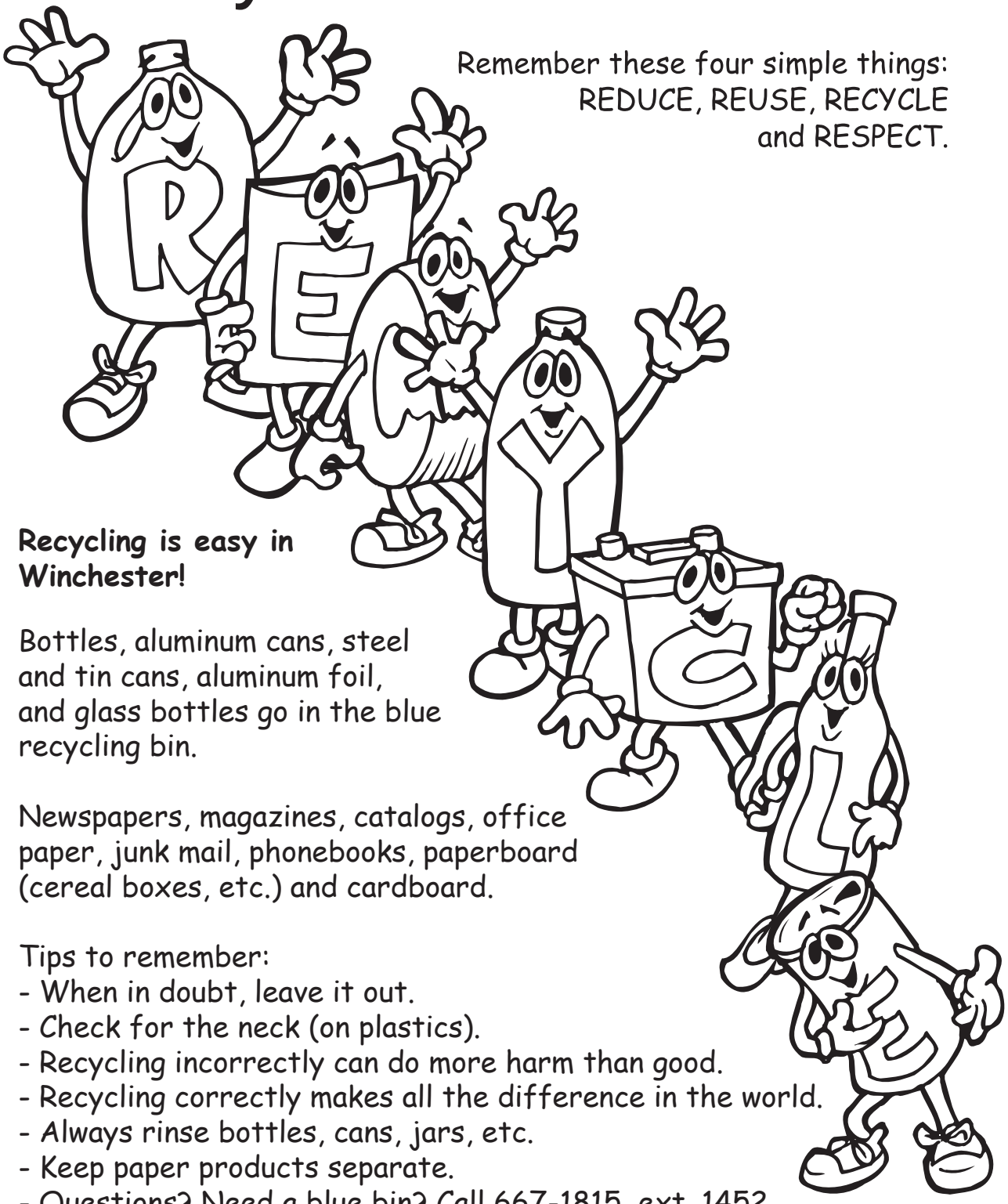
This activity book is brought to you from the Department of Health and Environmental Control's (DHEC) Office of Solid Waste Reduction & Recycling and its partners; DHEC's Bureau of Air Quality, Bureau of Water; the State of South Carolina; and the City of Winchester's Recycling and Refuse Department.

Recycle Winchester!



Remember these four simple things:
REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE
and RESPECT.

Recycling is easy in Winchester!

Bottles, aluminum cans, steel and tin cans, aluminum foil, and glass bottles go in the blue recycling bin.

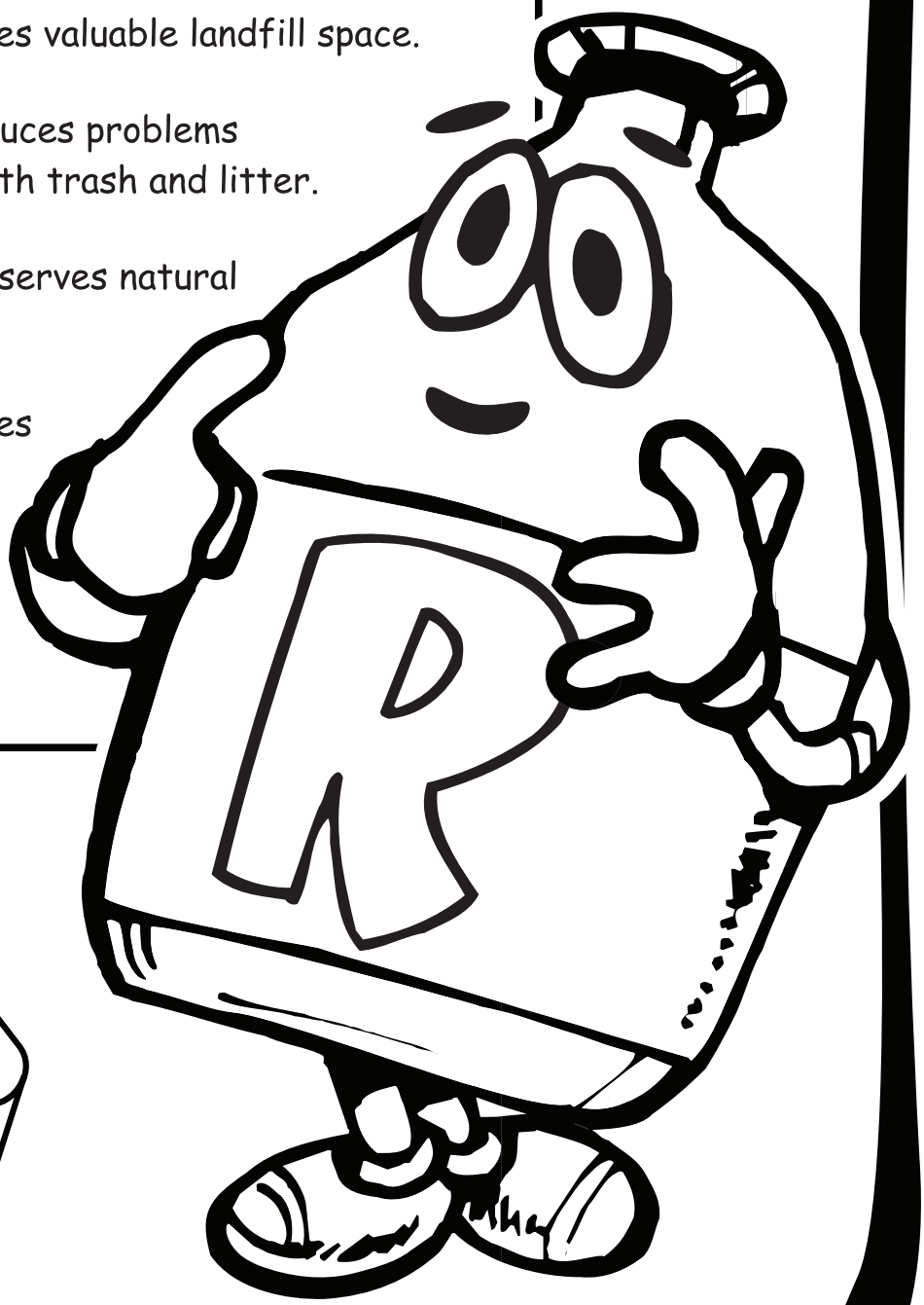
Newspapers, magazines, catalogs, office paper, junk mail, phonebooks, paperboard (cereal boxes, etc.) and cardboard.

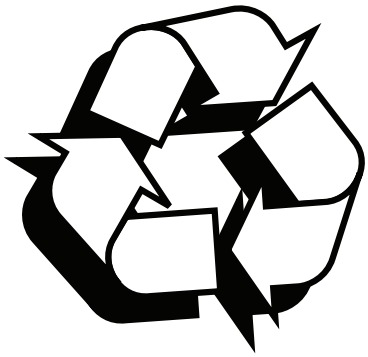
Tips to remember:
- When in doubt, leave it out.
- Check for the neck (on plastics).
- Recycling incorrectly can do more harm than good.
- Recycling correctly makes all the difference in the world.
- Always rinse bottles, cans, jars, etc.
- Keep paper products separate.
- Questions? Need a blue bin? Call 667-1815, ext. 1452.

Why Recycle?

Here are a few good reasons.

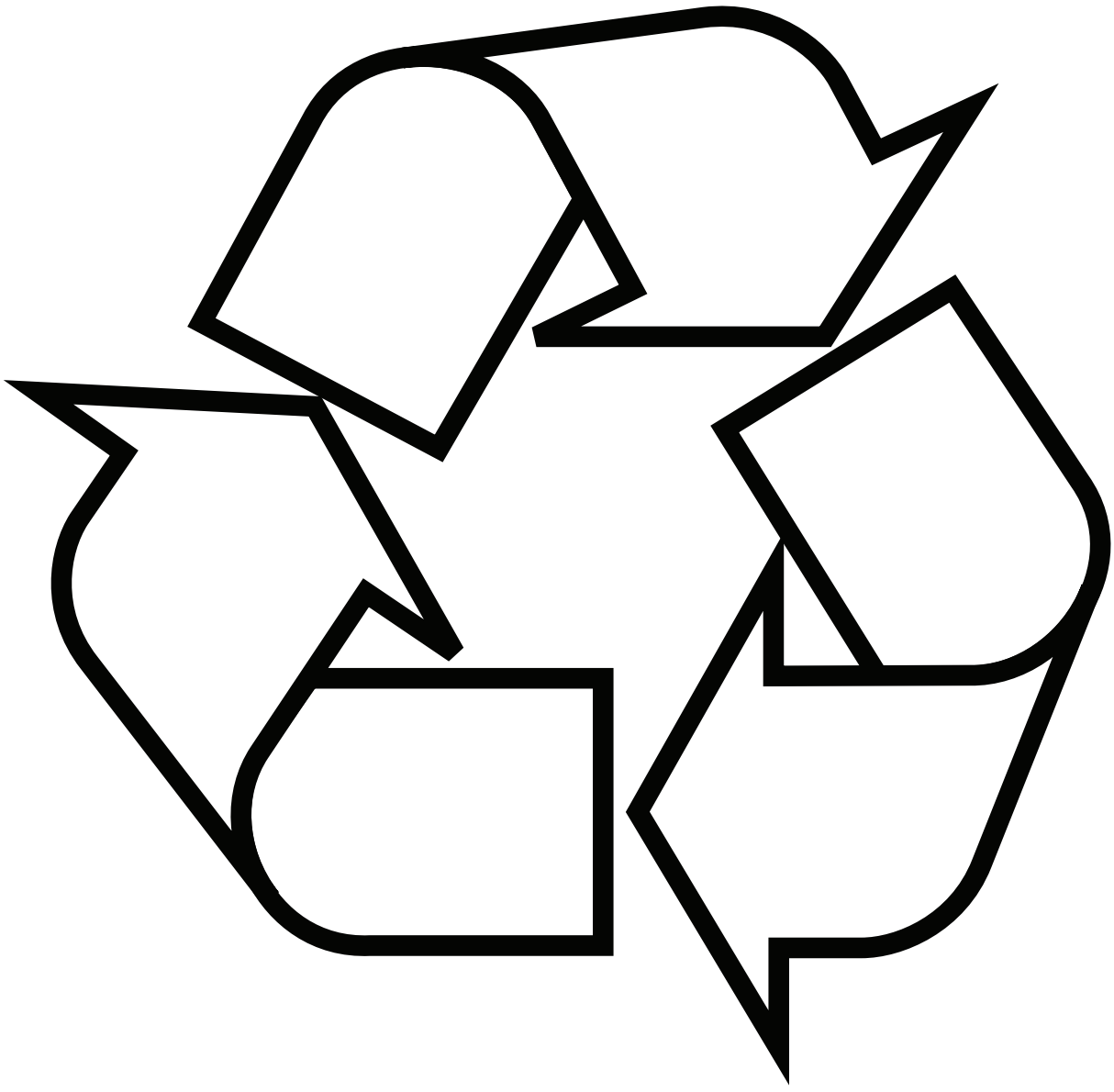
- Recycling saves valuable landfill space.
- Recycling reduces problems associated with trash and litter.
- Recycling conserves natural resources.
- Recycling saves energy.
- Recycling can reduce pollution.





The Recycle Symbol

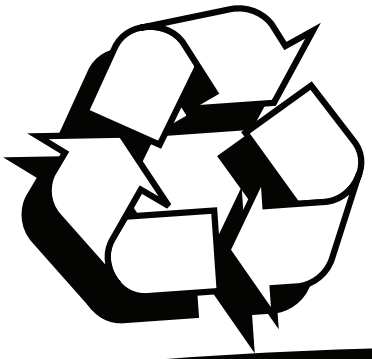
Products with this symbol may be recycled in your home town.

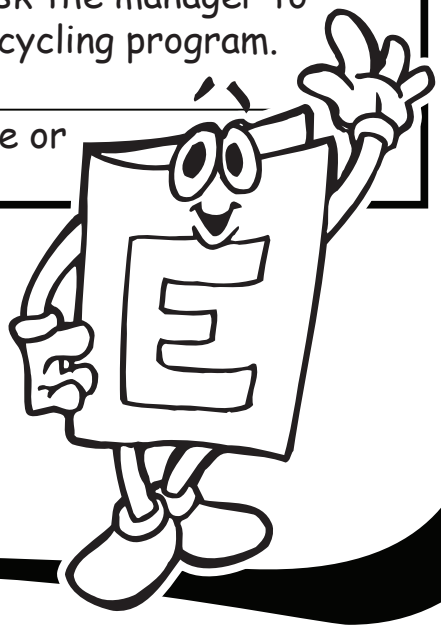


Did You Know...

Many items can be recycled. Don't toss these items in the trash. Recycle instead!

Items to recycle...	What to do...
Aluminum cans	Rinse.
Steel cans	Rinse.
Paper bags, newspaper & glossy advertising inserts	Place in bin or tie.
Green, brown & clear glass	Remove lids and rinse.
Plastic soft drink bottles & milk jugs	Remove lids and rinse.
Plastic bags	Use them again or return them to the grocery store where you bought them. If they don't recycle, ask the manager to start a recycling program.
Corrugated cardboard	Flatten, tie or contain.





JUMBLE!

The City of Winchester can recycle the following items for you. Can you unscramble them?

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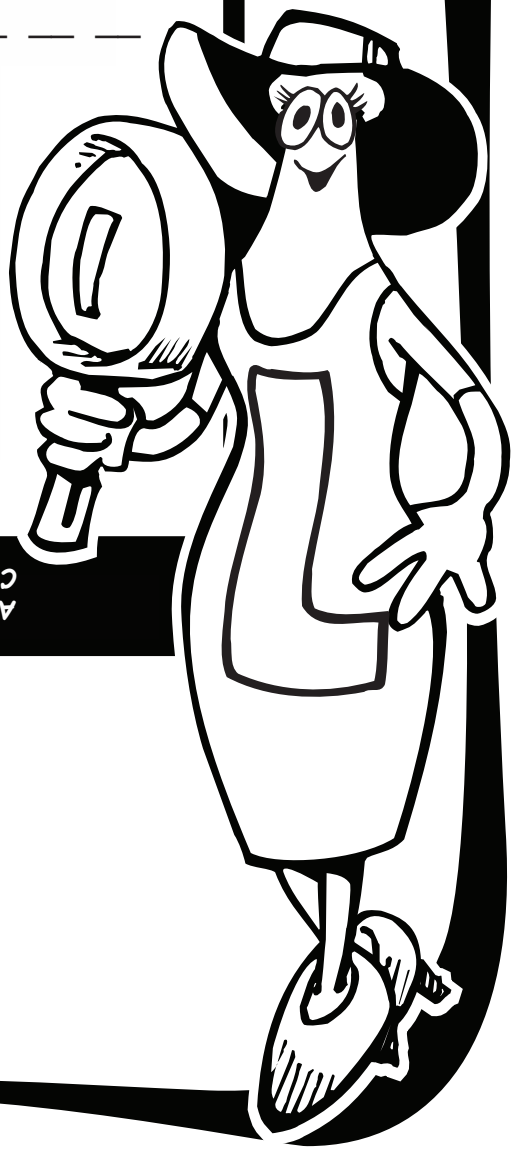
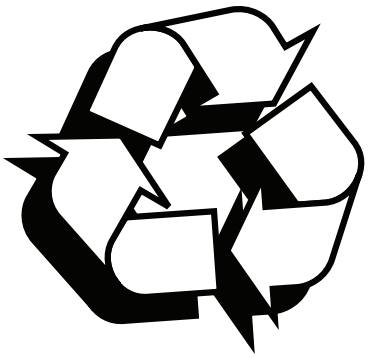


ANSWERS: PLASTIC BOTTLES, MILK JUGS, NEWSPAPER, CARDBOARD, STEEL, PAPER BAGS, GLASS



Which Ones to Recycle?

Many of these items can be recycled. Which ones can be recycled in your community?

_____ Clear glass

_____ Plastic bottles

_____ Cereal boxes

_____ Plates

_____ Brown paper bags

_____ Brown glass

_____ Aluminum foil

_____ Milk cartons

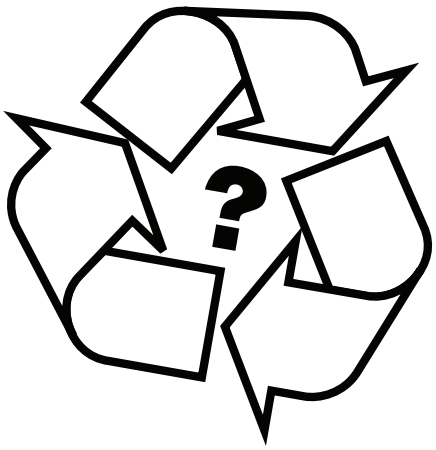
_____ Motor oil

_____ Steel cans

_____ Car batteries

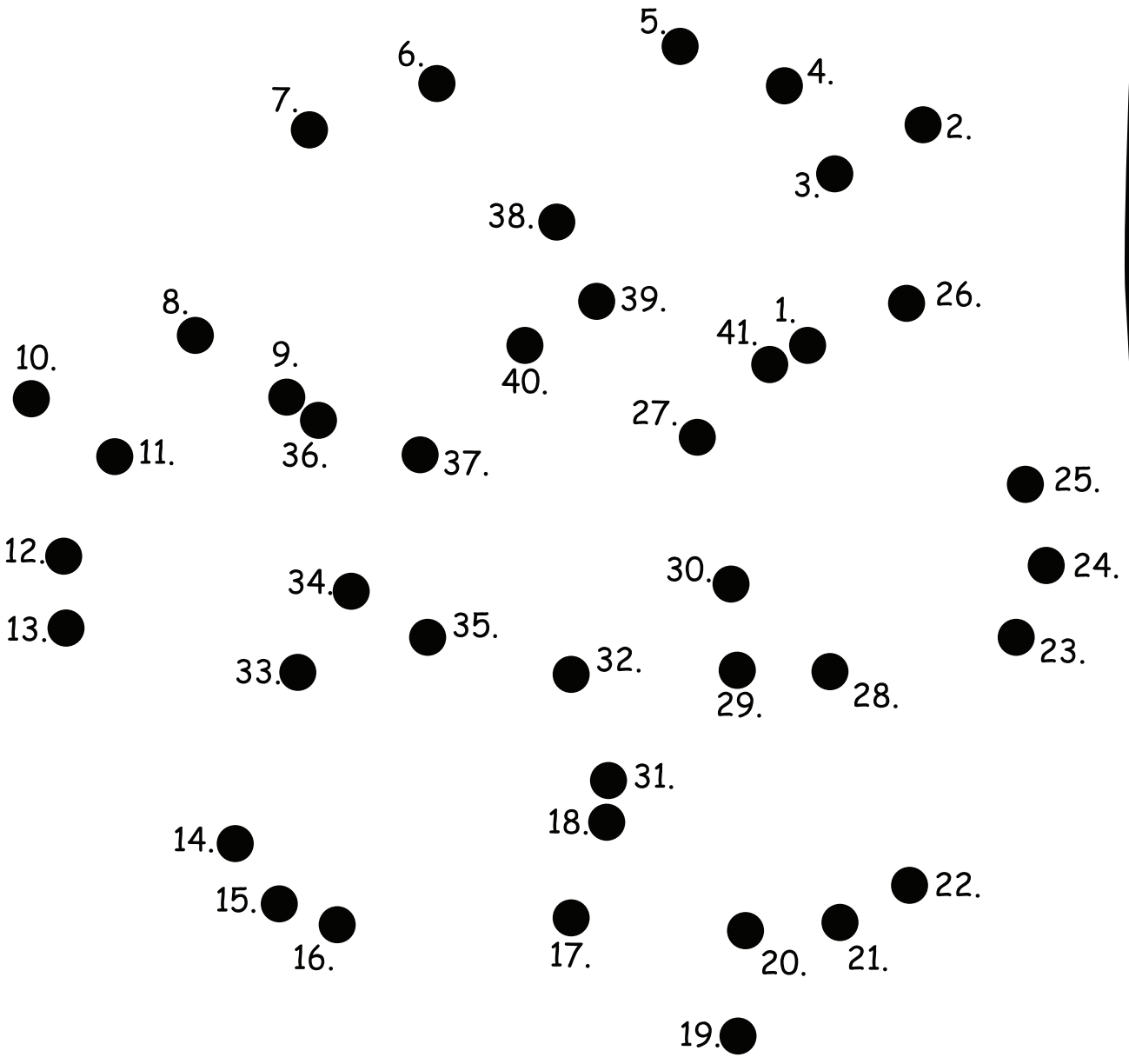
_____ Tires

_____ Plastic bags



Connect the Dots!

Connect the dots and a familiar image will appear!



Buy Recycled!

You can reduce the amount of waste going into landfills and help protect the environment by doing some simple things.

- Buy school supplies made from recycled materials. Backpacks and rulers are made from recycled plastic. Pencils and paper are made from recycled newspaper and cardboard. What items do you use at school made from recycled materials?

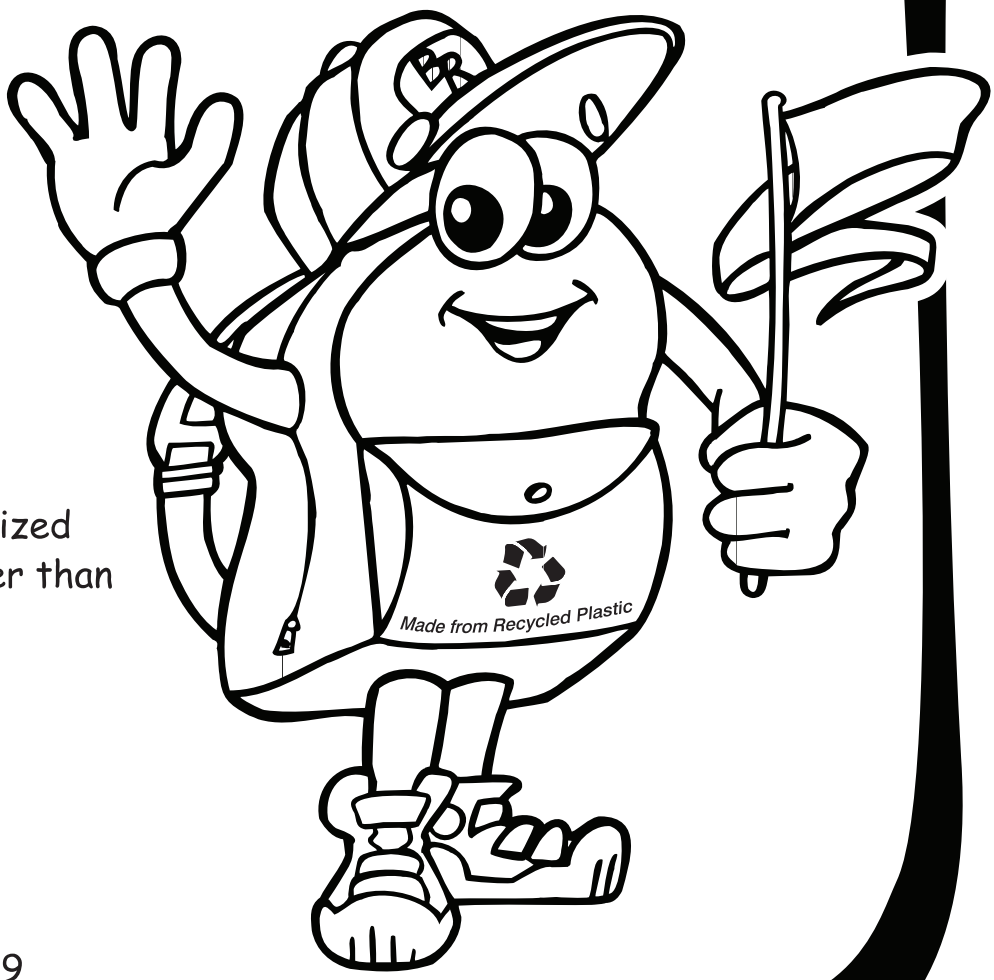
- Take your own canvas bag when you go shopping instead of using a paper or plastic bag.

- If you buy one or two things, tell the cashier you don't need a bag.

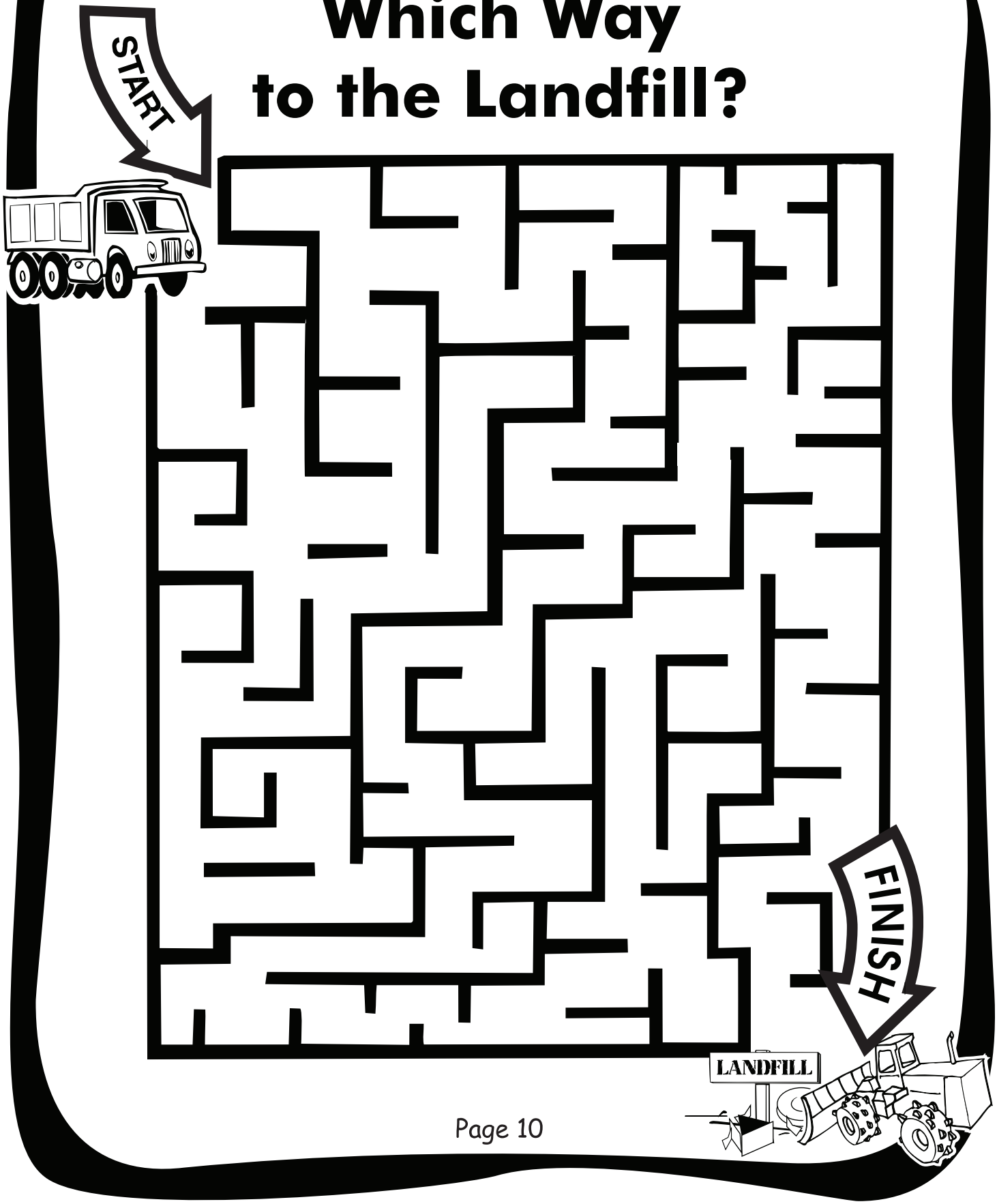
- Buy batteries that can be recharged.

- Buy products packaged in recyclable containers.

- Buy economy-sized products rather than smaller ones.



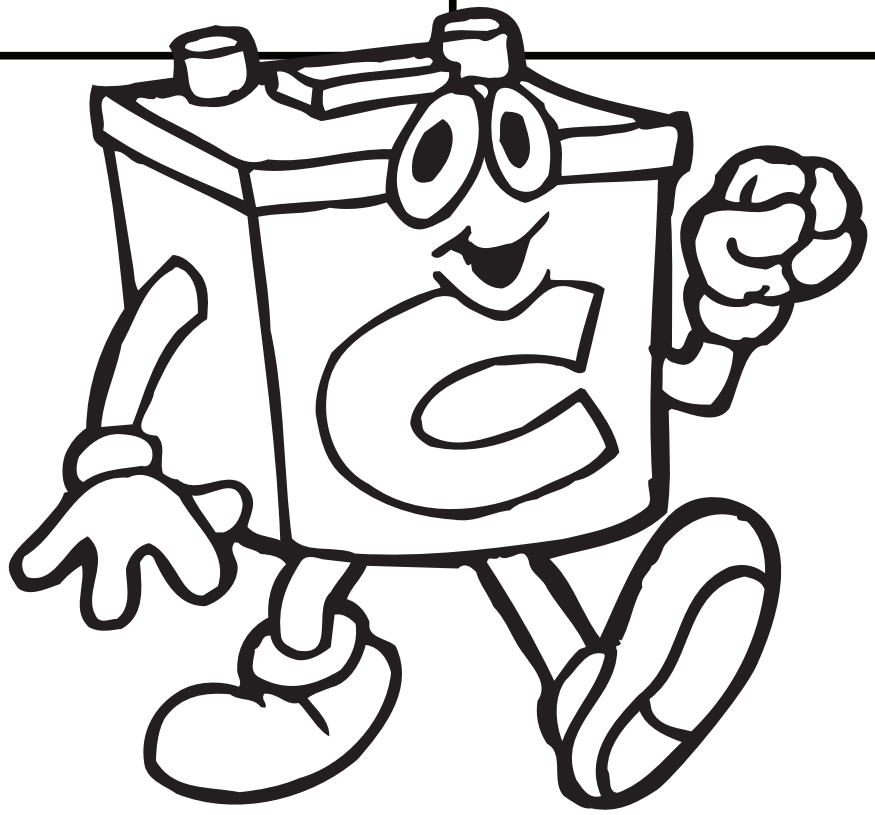
Which Way to the Landfill?



Recycled Materials

Recycled materials are used to make all kinds of things. Look below to see what is made from the things you recycle.

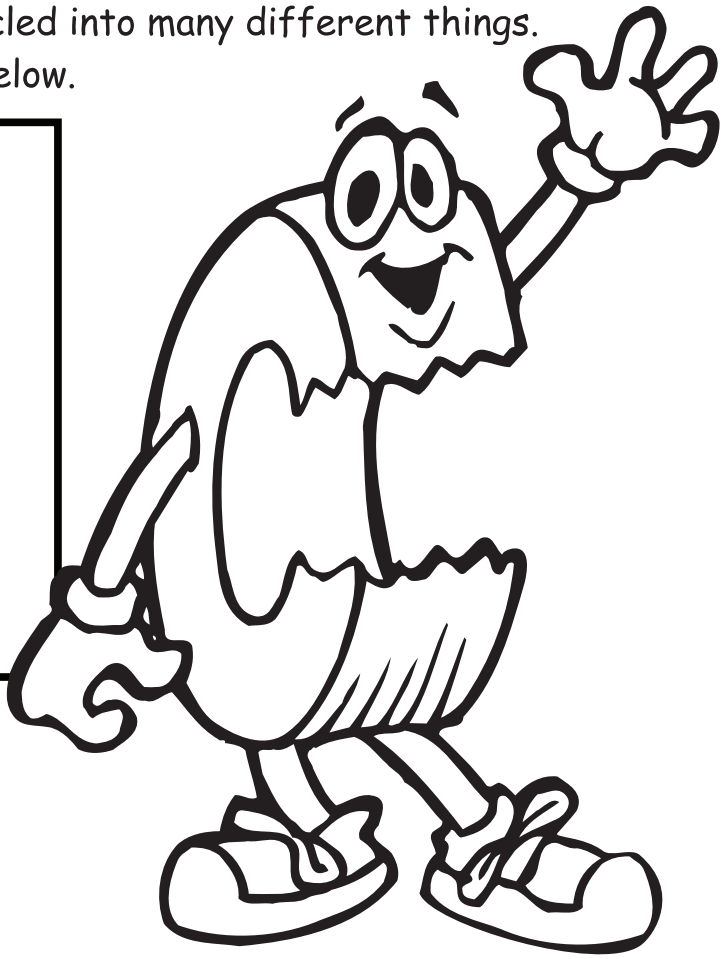
Recycled items:	Things that are made:
Steel	Bikes, nails, cars & other things
Glass	Jars, tiles & other things
Plastic	Soda bottles, tables, carpet, shoes, clothes & other things
Newspaper & cardboard	Pens, pencils, paper, cereal boxes & other things

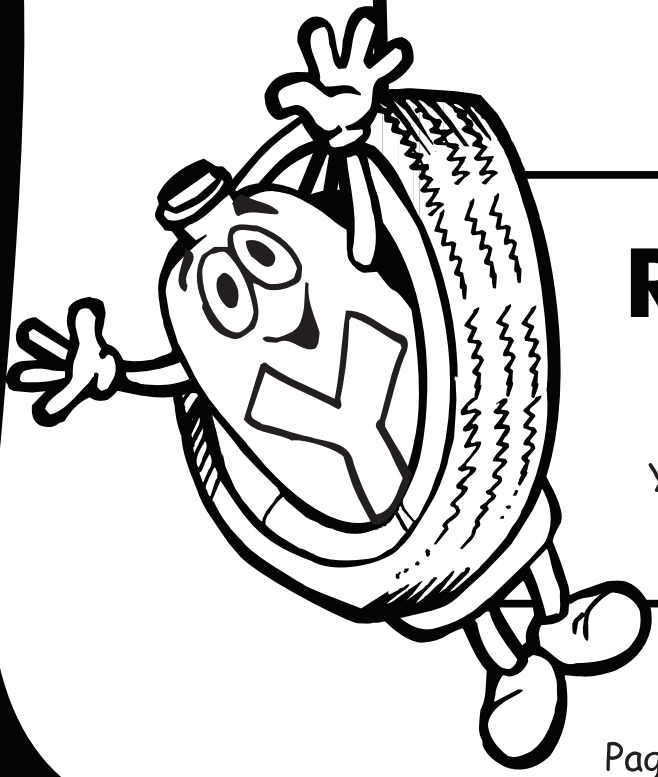


Recycle Used Tires!

Old used tires can be recycled into many different things. A few of them are listed below.

- Bulletin boards
- Floor mats
- Playground mulch
- Soaker hoses
- Shoe soles





Reuse Tires, Too!

You also can reuse old tires as playground equipment!

Composting: Nature's Way to Recycle

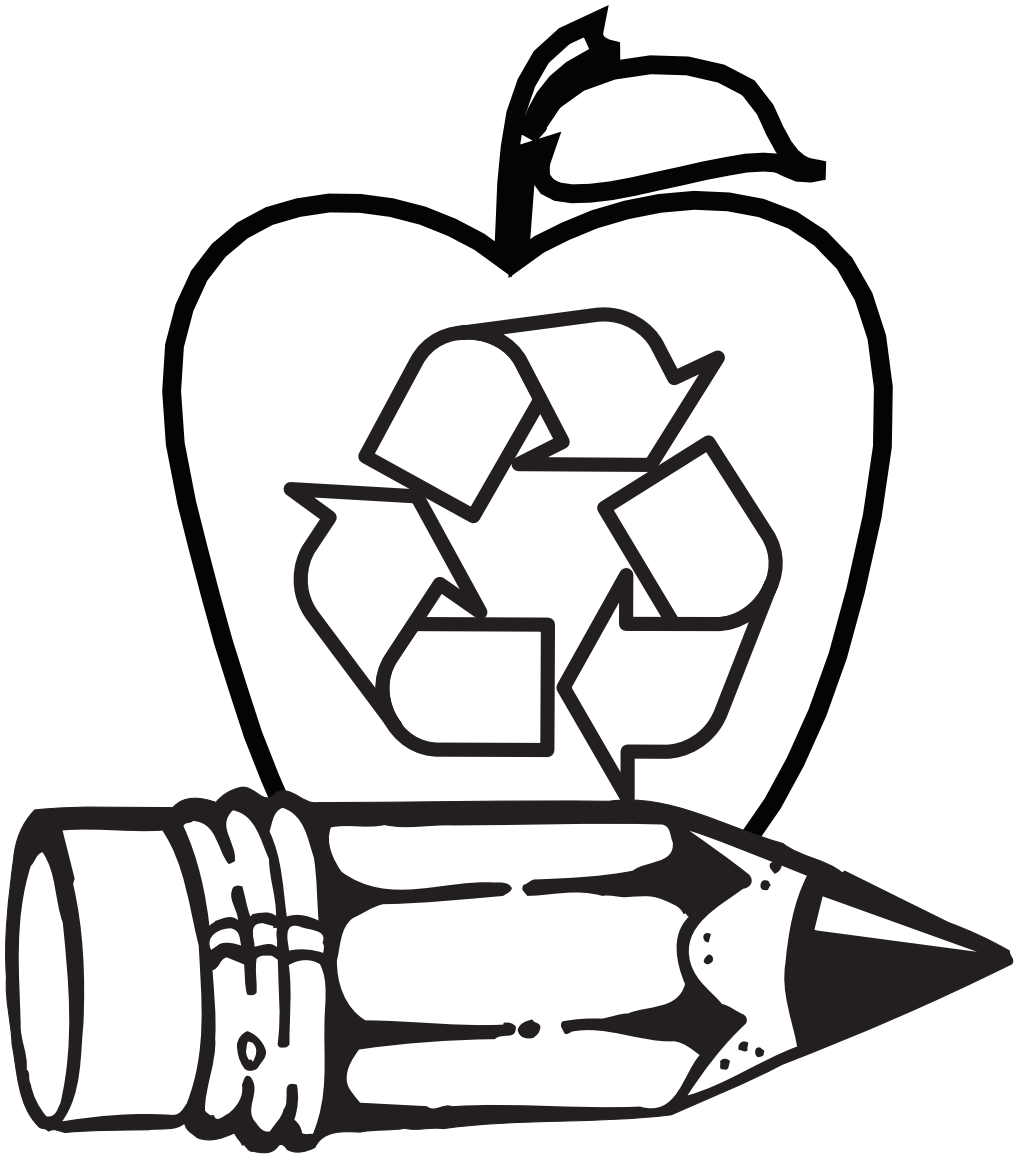
You can recycle organic materials (fruit and vegetable peels, food scraps, lawn clippings, leaves, etc.) in your own composting bin! In a few months, you can use the compost as fertilizer to help plants grow.

Become a Green Rider!

Take good care of your car. Proper maintenance, like changing your oil regularly, helps your car last longer and reduces air pollution. Recycle your used motor oil.

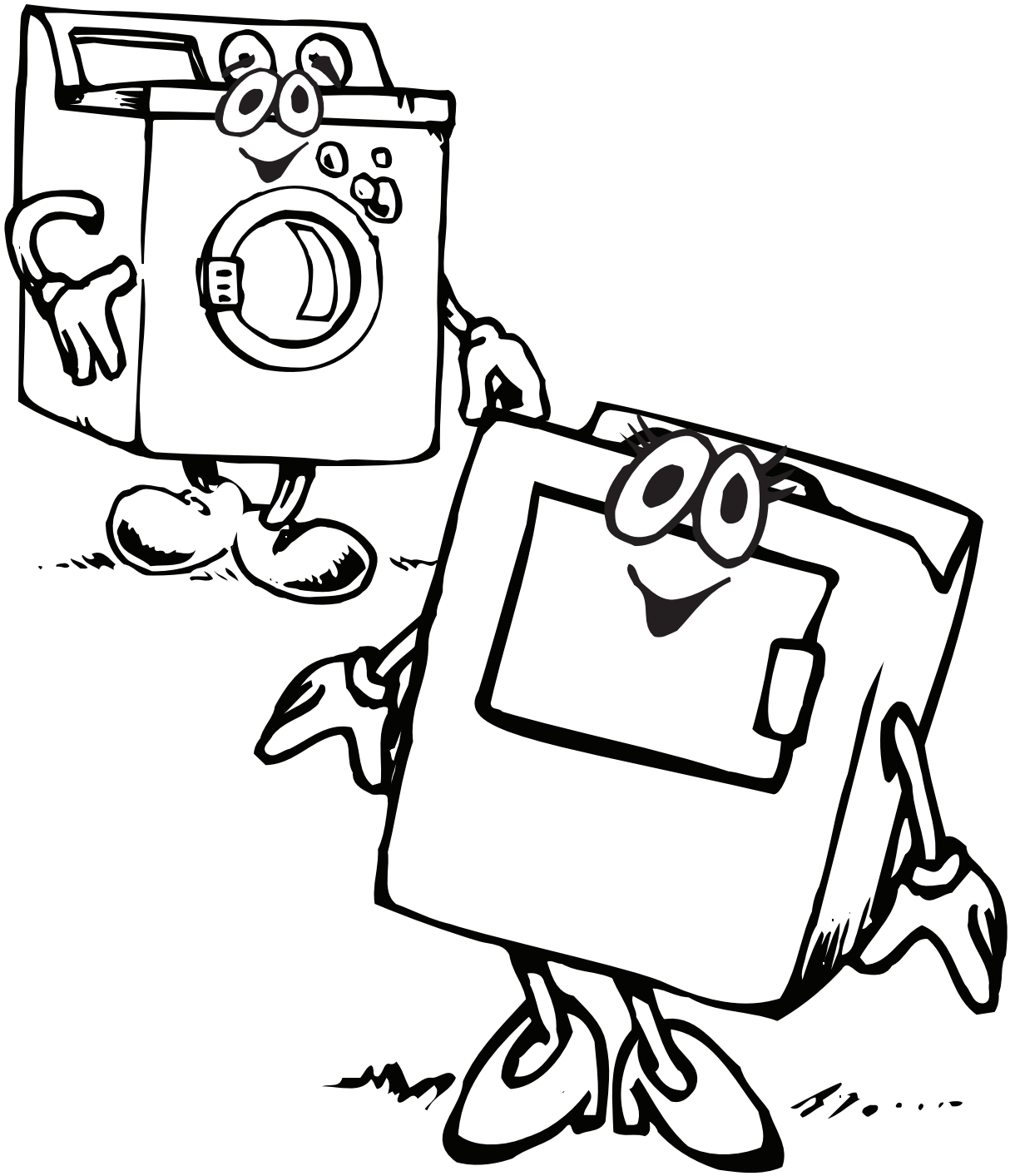
Learn More About Recycling!

Talk to your teacher or read books about recycling.
Call 667-1815, extension 1452 to request a Winchester recycling brochure or visit www.winchesterva.gov/envmaint/refuse.



Recycle Scrap Metals!

Old household appliances can be recycled, too.



Recycling Reduces Litter!

Litter trashes the environment. Make sure that litter is recycled or thrown away in the right place. Clean up your neighborhood! If you or your parents have questions about adopting a street, call your City recycling coordinator at 667-1815, ext. 1452.

What Can You Recycle?

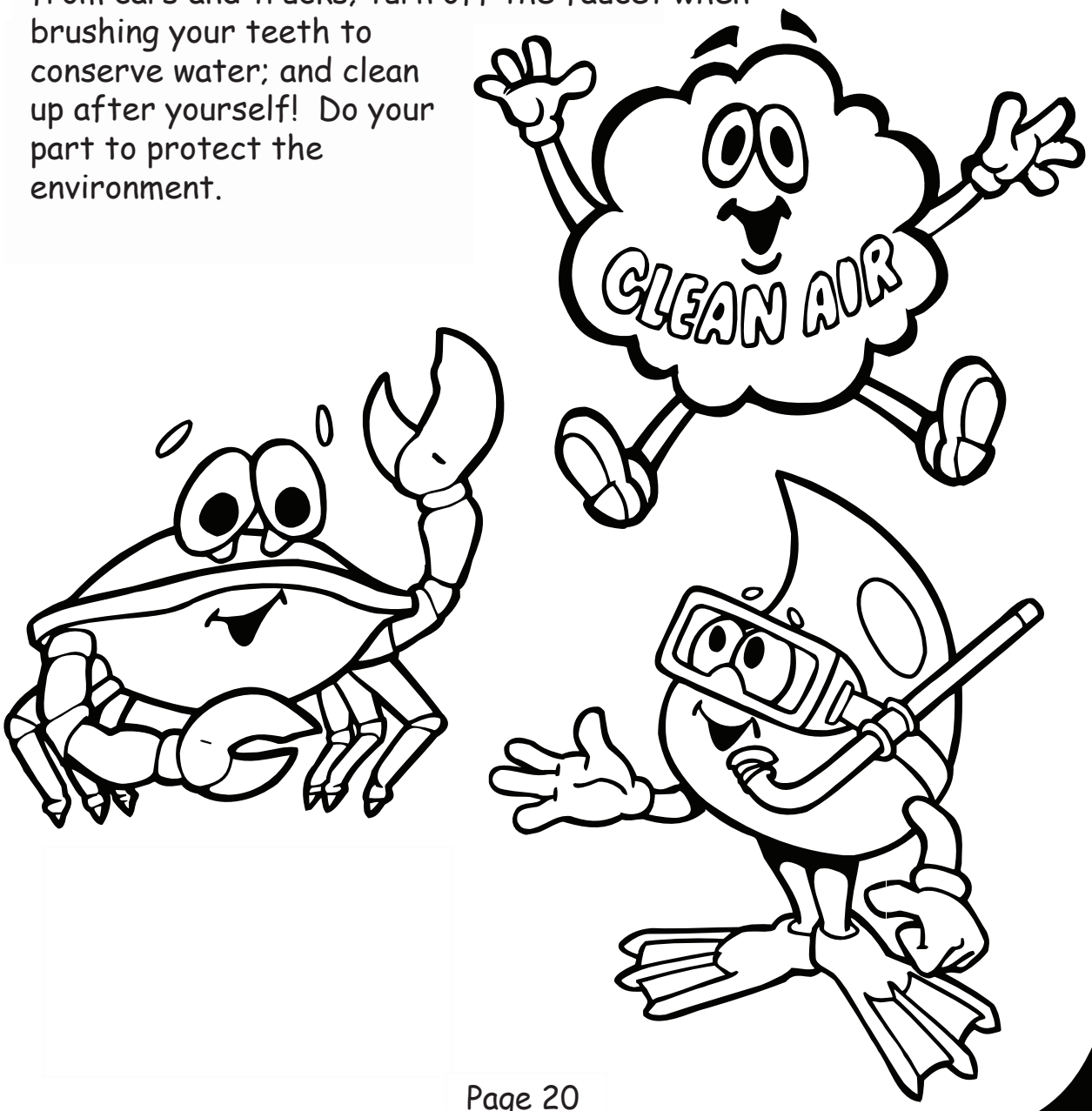
Which items below can be recycled? Draw a line from the correct items to the recycling bin.

Recycle Single-Serve Soft Drink Bottles!

Remember to recycle your single-serve (12-, 16- and 20-ounce) soft drink containers. Take them home with you to recycle when you stop by the convenience store for a cold drink.

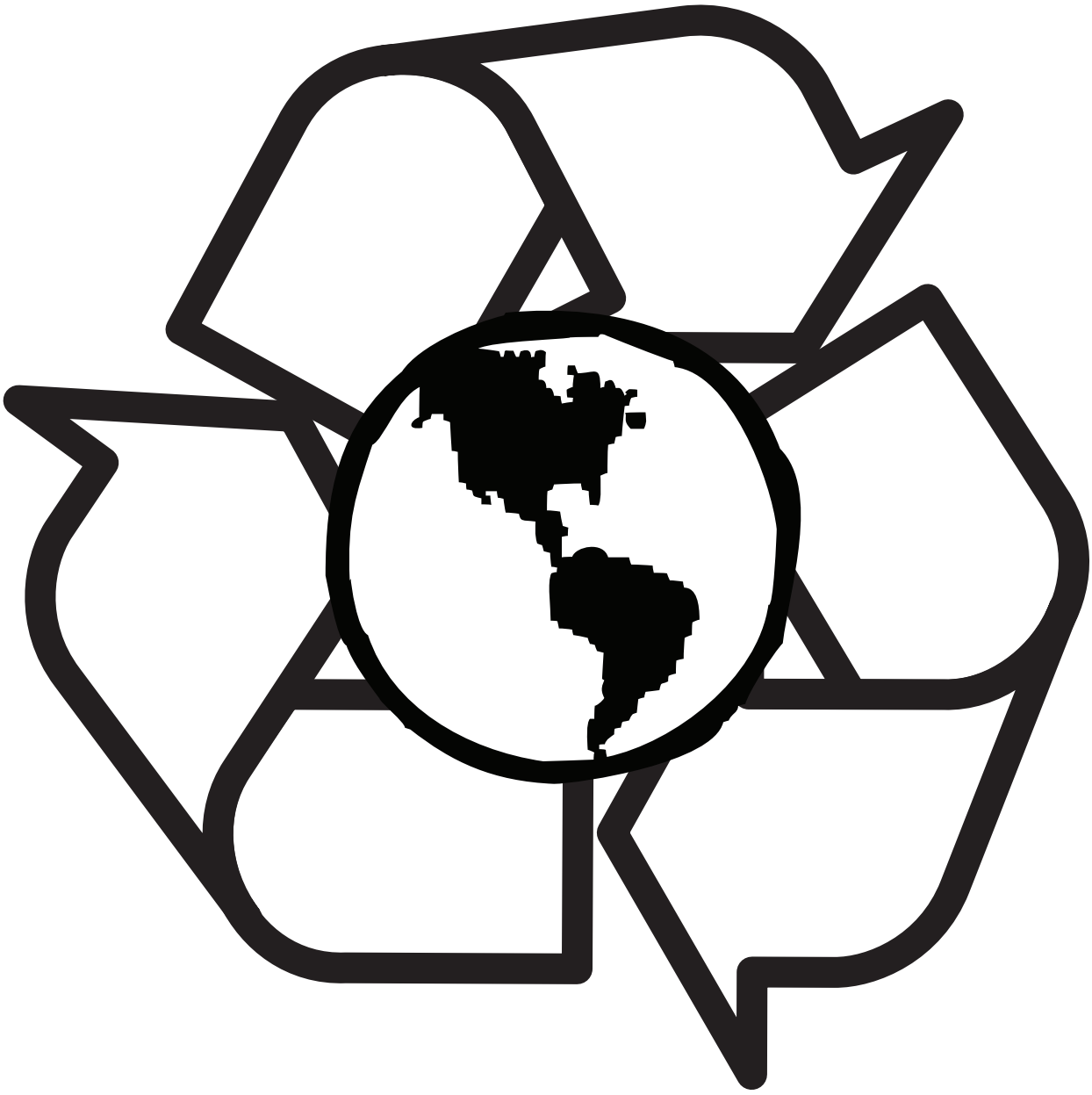
Protect Winchester's Environment!

The Clean Air Kid, Splash and Curtis the Crab are part of a team that reminds everyone to protect Winchester's environment. Ride your bike or walk to nearby places to reduce air pollution from cars and trucks; turn off the faucet when brushing your teeth to conserve water; and clean up after yourself! Do your part to protect the environment.



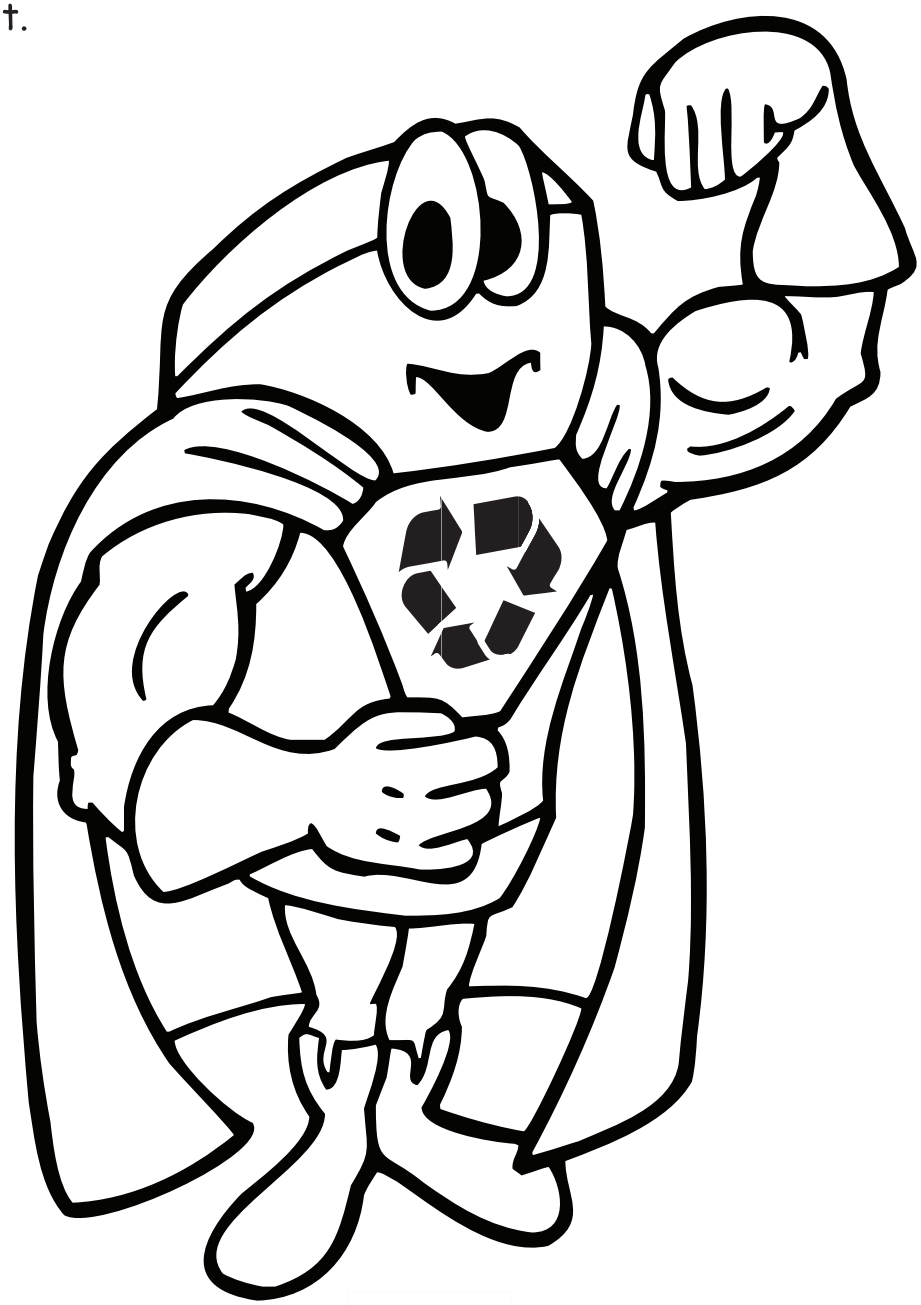
Celebrate Earth Day!

Earth Day is celebrated every April 22nd to show us how we can keep the air clean, conserve water, protect endangered wildlife, save natural resources and protect our environment. Find out how you can participate in your community.



You Can Be A Recycling Superhero!

Recycle. Recycle at home and at school. If you don't have a recycling program at your school, start one. If you have one, improve it.



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