

# Reduce, Reuse and Recycle Right in Montgomery County

Activities for Children in Apartments and Condominiums



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Think Reduce and Recycle at Apartments and Condominiums

# Recycling in Montgomery County is Easy!

Why recycle? Making new things from recycled materials saves money, energy, and the Earth's natural resources. To make it easy for you and your family to recycle, your property has recycling containers that are typically located in the same spot where you drop off your trash.

There are five kinds of materials that are recycled at your apartment or condominium.

## 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



Old Appliances, Bicycles, Pots and Pans, Metal Lamps, Bed Frames and Other Household Metal Items

## 4 Yard Trim



Leaves, Grass, Brush and Garden Trimmings

## 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

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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?

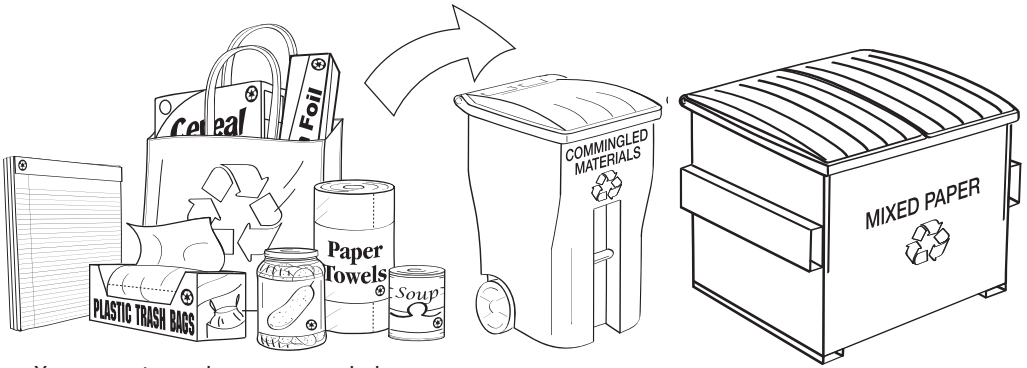
(Hint: There are 27 different items!)





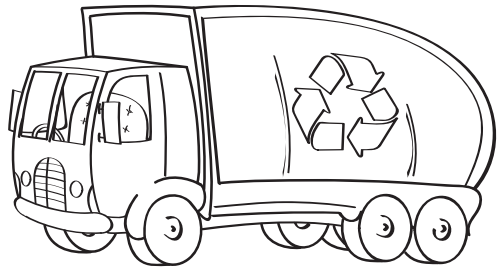
# What happens to recyclable materials after they are picked up?

Bring life to recycling by coloring in the recycling process.



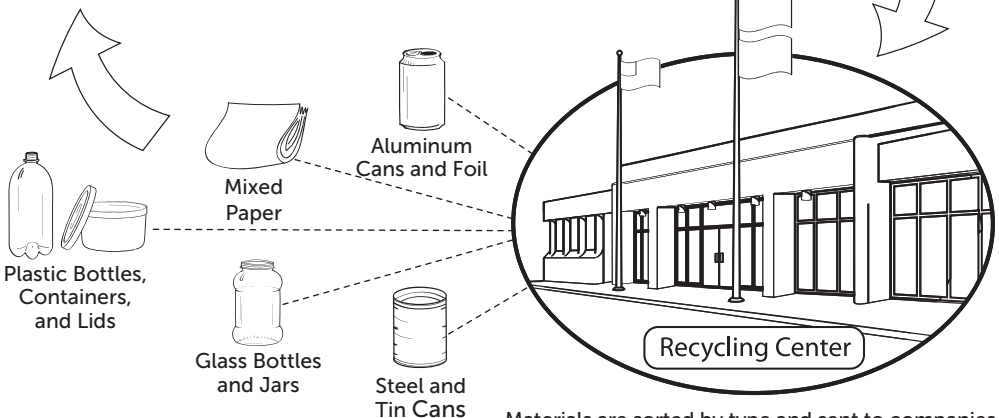
Your parents can buy new recycled items at the store.

You place empty and clean recyclable materials in the Commingled Materials and Mixed Paper recycling containers located at your apartment or condominium.



A recycling collection company transports the materials to a recycling center.

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



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.

																																																																												
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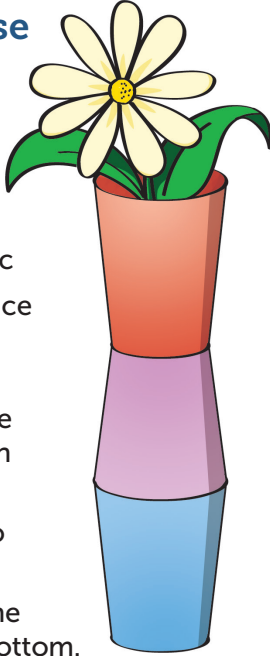
# Get Creative!

There are some items you cannot recycle but they can still be reused.

## Mini Flower Vase

What You Need:

- Three paper or plastic cups
- Glue
- Tissue paper or fabric
- Some dry beans or rice



## What You Do:

- Place a cup on a table and fill it halfway with dry beans or rice.
- Glue a second cup to the first, top to top.
- Glue a third cup to the second, bottom to bottom.
- To decorate, glue small pieces of torn tissue paper or fabric all over the cups.

## Other Recycling Craft Ideas:

- Paste your favorite pictures from magazines or draw on paper bags and use as gift wrap.
- Keep the lids on several different coffee cans to make a drum set.
- Decorate used clean food containers, like those for coffee, oatmeal, or cream cheese and use as storage containers.
- Cut rings from paper towel or bathroom tissue rolls and then paint and decorate them and use as napkin rings. You can also make puppets and rocket ships from these rolls.

# Puzzle Answers

## Picture Search Materials:

On the Counter top:

Catalog  
Unwanted Mail  
Butter Box  
Peanut Butter Jar  
Jelly Jar  
Phone Book  
Coffee Can

On/Near the Table:

Cereal Jar  
Milk Jug  
Newspaper

In the Refrigerator:

Pickle Jar  
Hot Sauce Bottle  
Soda Bottle  
Ketchup Bottle  
Mayonnaise Jar  
Juice Carton  
Lemon Juice Bottle  
Chicken Broth Container  
Yogurt Container  
Aluminum Cans  
Aluminum Pie Pan

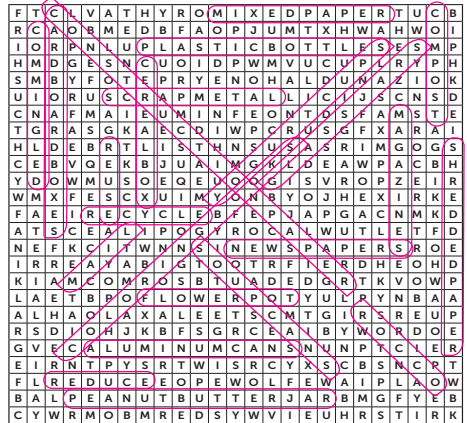
Around and in the Sink:

Flower Pot  
Soup Can  
Cottage Cheese Container  
Dish Soap Bottle

On the Floor:

Cardboard Box  
Kitty Litter Pail

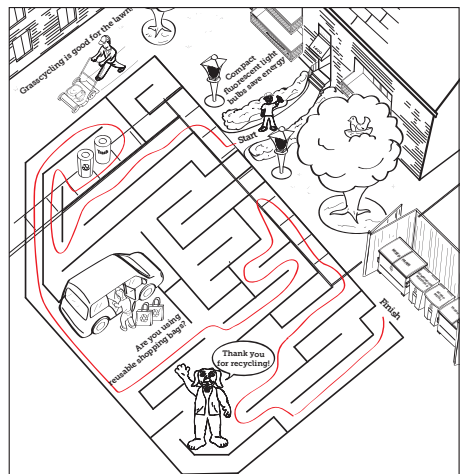
## Word Search:



## Buying Recycled Secret Message:

I will help others recycle more

## Forgot One! - Maze:





# Forgot One!

Jimmy forgot to recycle a plastic bottle.

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

