



Recycling Facts

- Recycling is when you turn your old, used and unwanted items into new usable products.
- When you throw rubbish into the trash most rubbish is buried, some rubbish is burned and some rubbish is recycled or recovered.
- Most of our rubbish ends up in a Landfill where it is buried.
- The best way to deal with waste is to reduce the amount you have.
- Reduce, reuse, recycle make up the three R's that help remind us what we should do with our trash.
- Paper, metal and glass can all be recycled.
- Iron and steel are the world's most recycled materials.
- There is no limit to the amount of times aluminum can be recycled.
- Litter is the type of trash / rubbish that is left or thrown where it does not belong.
- Compost is the organic material that can help send less waste to the landfill. It can also be used to help your plants grow.
- Fruit peelings, egg shells, tea bags can all go into a compost bin.
- When we bury trash in a landfill possible problems are:
 - Rats and flies eat off the landfill and spread disease
 - Methane gas is released which can have harmful side effects
 - Leachate and other dangerous chemicals can leak into our water and cause birth defects.
- 75% of trash is recyclable.
- The United States produces the most trash.
- Cigarettes are the most littered product in the world.
- It takes 50-80 years for aluminum to decompose.
- Austria recycles more of its waste than any other country in Europe.
- Petroleum is the non-renewable resource that plastic is made from.
- Mt Rumpke is a mountain of trash and the highest point in the state of Ohio.
- Paper made from recycled paper uses up to 70% less energy.