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Total PIN GRANT planned for 2023 - \$50,000

Grants Approved

1. One Earth One Chance	- \$5,000
2. Kiran	- \$5,000
3. Ashiyanaa	- \$5,000
4. Weekend Wonders 4 Kidz	- \$1,500
5. Color Me Safe Foundation	- \$5000
6. Fresh Start for the Heart	- \$2000
7. Lift R & R	- \$2000
8. Grassroot Projects	- \$5000
9. Under My Umbrella	- \$3500
10. MUFFIN	- \$6000
11. TLT inc	- \$3700
12. Hunger Busters	- \$1500
13. The Last Patrol	- \$3000
TOTAL	- \$48,200(\$1,800 left)

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Maui Food Bank	-\$4,671
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Nanitha Nayak

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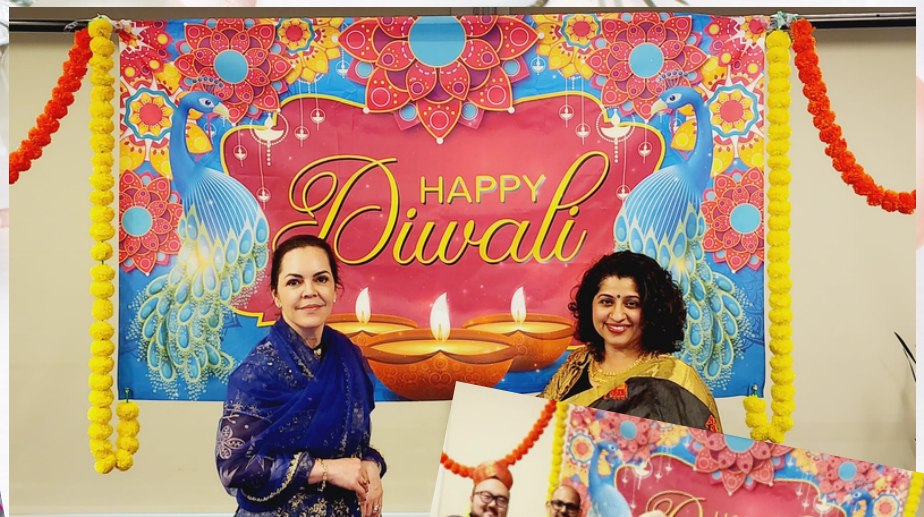
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Amazing collaboration with Lexus USA with their community efforts on the occasion of Diwali



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Recycle Essay Contest (Special Thanks to our Judge Neeta Nayak)

Vihaan Polisetti

Did you know that 75% of the world's trash is recyclable? It's because of the 3 biggest problems, Food, Paper, Plastic. 800 million tons of food, 65 billion sheets of paper, and 60 billion plastic bottles. All that thrown for **365** days a YEAR. And yet, this rate continues to grow every single day. So 75%, at first it didn't seem much, but if you think about a "world without trash". As far-fetched as it sounds, it's extremely possible unless we can work together to make what is an imagination into a reality.

So like I said earlier, "a world without trash", well it's still possible and you can be a part of it. There are a variety of options available but let's start off with something simple yet impactful.

- **Composting:** Try starting a garden and give your food scraps to your plants. This can give you all the nutrients your plants need.
- **Donation:** As clothes, furniture, and toys account for 12% of the world's landfills, donate them to charities like Goodwill, Gofundme, and American Red Shield.
- **Trash Collection:** Trash collection is another great way to recycle. Gather up all your trash and drive them to your local recycling facilities which take it on from there
- **Curbside Recycling Programs:** Many communities offer these programs where they pick up your curbside trash and take it to a waste management facility.

As you know, our planet is slowly dying, but at the same time, recycling technology has advanced at the same rate.

- In Singapore, people burn their trash in an incineration factory. After burning it, they recover the energy and use it to power 5% of the country's electricity. Then, they filter out the smoke into clean, breathable air. Finally, they create nature-friendly man-made islands.
- If that's not impressive, try cleaning out the world's biggest delta. In India, 80,000,000 tons of flowers are deposited in the Ganges Delta every year as part of their traditions. That's why, nearby communities organized programs where they pick up all the flowers, sort them out and turn them into a clay like substance, which then are used to make incense sticks
- Tetra Pak, one of the world's biggest milk carton companies has recently reclaimed 50 billion milk cartons and used a variety of solutions to turn them into bricks and roof materials. Billions of these materials are donated to people in need and to construction companies.

So again, if you look up the definition of recycling, "action of processing waste into usable material". But instead it's more than that, it's about saving our planet, our future, and our family. It takes one flare to start a fire, because together, we can create a perfect world.

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Recycle Essay Contest

Ishaanvi Vemula

The 3 Rs of the environment

Reduce, Reuse, recycle are pivotal concepts that help in tackling environmental issues like climate change and aid in sustainable living. Practising these three Rs not only helps with conservation of energy and resources but also with landfill diversion.

Reduce means to decrease the amount of waste we produce. This could be done by buying only things that what we truly need. Reuse means to use the items more than once. For example, we should completely curb the usage of single-use disposable plastic water bottles and carry a reusable one. By doing so, we not only help the environment but also save money!

Did you know that if we recycle all of our newspaper, we could save 250,000,000 trees each year? By definition, recycling is classified as the process of reusing material that cannot be disposed by nature. It is done by breaking down raw materials, such as aluminum, and repurposing them. Many people do not take the vitality of recycling seriously, despite the fact that it is one of the most convenient, effective measures anyone can take to preserve the environment. In the course of time, human technological advancement is not the only thing that truly matters but what counts is whether or not we were able to keep our planet safe through all of it. Thus, the best way for us to do that is by serving the place that serves us and keeping it clean.

People don't typically realize how destructive their actions can be. Sure, a perfunctory toss of a plastic container into the trash might not occur to some people as deadly, but it is these disregarded actions that are often overlooked. Citizens of today's society should gauge the consequences of their actions and assume complete responsibility when it comes to properly disposing of harmful waste. At least 14 million tons (80% of all marine debris) of plastic waste are dumped in the ocean every year, which is the reason for the pernicious effects of plastic pollution that are killing approximately one million marine animals per year, as of 2023.

Annie Leonard once said, "There is no such thing as 'away' when we throw anything away. It must go somewhere." Annie is an American proponent of sustainability and critic of consumerism. She has dedicated her life to mitigating the damaging effects of pollution and has written several heartfelt books reflecting on the lack of proper recycling and how it will create a dent in our future. Recycling is becoming an increasingly underrated environmental subject and the shockingly minute number of people, who truly take action is just not enough to save our gem of a planet from perishing.

It is completely in our hands to assure a better future, happier and healthier world for our children by protecting our precious mother Earth from adverse human actions. We should always remember to practice and preach the most important 3 Rs - Reduce Reuse and Recycle.

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Recycle Essay Contest

Saanvi Polishetty

Imagine a world where every choice creates ripples of change, where tiny actions avert environmental disasters. Safeguarding the planet from pollution is within reach. Follow the three R's: Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle. Play your part in Earth's well-being.

Plastic bottles, if not recycled, take 450 years to decompose. It's like time-traveling that just won't quit! Picture this: a bottle today could outlast us in a landfill. Cut plastic bottle usage for a recycling adventure. Recycle and give bottles another shot. But if we let them be, get ready for a slow-motion breakdown. They break into microplastics, polluting soil, and water. Reduce plastic bottle usage for the planet. Using refillable bottles or becoming recycling champs, we're not just doing our part – we're also ensuring pesky plastic bottles don't become ultimate party crashers in the story of our planet.

Onto the second eco-champion: reduction. Reusing a single glass bottle can save enough energy to power a 100-watt light bulb for four hours. Many are oblivious. They consume items without thought and often discard them carelessly—some find their way into our outdoors. Reuse is a superpower for Earth. Discard less. Billions of tons of waste harm the environment, contributing to climate change and causing harm to ecosystems. Plastic bottles take centuries to decompose, e-waste releases toxins. Reusing bags, donating goods, and repairing reduce waste. Contribute to a cleaner planet.

Now, the third pillar upholding our sustainable planet is recycling. Recycling one ton of paper can save around 17 trees and thousands of gallons of water. Aluminum cans are equally impressive, using a remarkable 95% less energy when recycled compared to those produced from raw materials. Plastic bottles also shine, requiring 75% less energy when made from recycled materials, resulting in significant reductions in carbon emissions. Beyond resource savings, recycling reduces landfill waste, known for emitting greenhouse gases. Recycling electronic waste, or e-waste, not only salvages valuable materials but also prevents harmful substances from infiltrating the environment. Your recycling efforts contribute to a cleaner, more sustainable world, making it a critical choice for our planet's future. Recycling saves trees, water. Aluminum cans use 95% less energy when recycled. Plastic bottles require less energy when made from recycled materials, cutting emissions. Recycling reduces landfill waste, curbing greenhouse gases. Recycling e-waste salvages materials, and prevents pollution. Contribute to a sustainable world.

Within the trio of "reduce, reuse, recycle," lies harmony with Earth. This ancient guideline reminds us of our duty to protect nature for the generations to follow. The choices we make today hold substantial weight, shaping the legacy we leave for the Earth's future inhabitants. By adopting a lifestyle marked by thoughtful consumption, innovative reuse, and meticulous waste management, we actively contribute to healing our environment. Through seemingly modest yet profoundly impactful actions, we pave a path to a flourishing future, where our planet thrives, and even the simplest of efforts wield substantial influence.

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Recycle Essay Contest

Srishti Hegde

Recycling

Don't Trash our Future

By Srishti Hegde



Recycling is a vital process in conserving and guarding our environment and natural resources. In order to do that, all of us have to take part in the action. But first, you need to know why we have to recycle.

Have you ever wondered why it is so hot outside in the summer and why it started snowing in the winter in Texas? Many studies have found that this is happening because of people not recycling. The reduction of energy consumption from recycling contributes to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. Recycling also benefits the environment as it helps reduce pollution. Scientists have made predictions that in 2050 there will be more plastic than fish in the ocean. Reducing the amount of waste in our environment is important, not only because it conserves natural resources, but also because it helps to speed up the decomposition process. Recycling also helps us reuse valuable materials that would otherwise just go to waste. By manufacturing new products from recycled materials, we're actually saving money in the long run!

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Recycle Essay Contest

Srishti Hegde

Now that you know why we recycle and the benefits from them, we have to know how people recycle them. Paper is the most used material in the world. Paper is made using 2 components, wood and water. When they recycle paper, first they break it down in small pieces and let it dissolve in water. After that, they add chemicals that filter the ink and dirt from the paper. After filtering the paper, the paper takes the form of mush called the pulp. This pulp is ultimately converted into brand-new paper. Similarly, metal is broken down into smaller chunks instead of filtering the metal it is melted and remolded into a new shape. The same process goes to glass. Plastic follows the same process but much more complex because they have to sort out the different plastic. As different plastics have different chemical properties.

We can contribute to recycling in numerous ways. Almost everything in your house is recyclable, from vehicles to the old newspaper on your desk you never read. Try using merchandise that is made from recycled materials. Additionally, sort out your waste and throw the recyclable waste in the recycle bin, so the authorities can recycle it.

Here are 2 places where you can see recycling is working relatively well. San Francisco has set a goal for 2020 which is 0 waste. It is not at that rate yet but has managed to keep 80% of its waste out of landfills. They started using blue bins for recyclables, green for compostable and black for things that are meant to be in the landfill. Food vendors have started using compostable and recyclable containers and they have started charging money for checkout bags. Los Angeles has also managed to keep 80% of their waste out of landfills. Their goal is to recycle 90% by 2025. Restaurants are required to compost their food waste, and companies get a break on taxes based on how much they recycle. Also in LA there is a program called "Rethink LA" helps citizens understand the significance of recycling and composting.

All of us join hands to help make our future a better place.

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Recycle Essay Contest

Sreyashi Nanda

Reduce ~ Reuse ~ Recycle

By - Sreyashi Nanda

The 3R's are the most effective ways to protect and conserve nature. "Reduce" stands for waste minimization, which helps Earth by not creating any pollution making object you'll only use once. This brings that to "Reuse". If you have to buy something disposable, try to make something out of it. Like a plastic water bottle into a bird feeder. If you can't find a way to reuse, you can consider "Recycle". This means to break down the matter to create something new with it.

These three ways are very helpful to the environment. Many kids have started recycling projects, such as the "Buddy Bench". The creator, Sammy Vance, collected bottle caps until there was enough to melt and create a bench. Effectively saving the environment and providing something we can use.

By reducing, reusing, and recycling you'd be making a positive impact on the world. Saving nature by lessening pollution and saving energy.

Why do we need recycling? This is needed because by recycling paper, we would be saving

a million trees. In achieving this, it would mean more supply of oxygen and less greenhouse gases. Also recycled items cost less, so we would be helping the planet and saving money.

Reducing and reusing supplies could help save lives of countless animals. Most of our garbage goes to landfills by the ocean. The waste seeps into the water destroying the wildlife around it. The fact is most of this garbage could have been reused.

By helping the planet you'd be helping yourself. There is a scarcity of clean drinking water. Most of it was corrupted by the waste being dumped into it. Soon humans will start to fall ill.

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Recycle Essay Contest

Vinno

Recycling things is like us being the hero for the planet. It's like magic that helps us take care of the Earth and make it a better place to have fun and live! Imagine you have a water bottle that you finished drinking. Instead of throwing it away into the trash can, you can recycle it. Recycling is turning things that are old or not needed into something new and cool so that we can use them.

Recycling is super important because it helps us use fewer new materials, which saves trees, water, and energy. When we recycle, we're like superheroes for the environment. We're reducing pollution and keeping the air and water cleaner than before. Plus, recycling uses way less energy than making things from scratch. For example, recycling paper saves lots of trees and stops air pollution from making new paper. Recycling helps the Earth with climate change. When we don't, we make more greenhouse gasses that make the Earth too warm for animals, plants and humans to survive! But we can change that by recycling! When we recycle, we make less greenhouse gasses that make Earth the best home! So, it's like a big, friendly hug to our planet!

The sad part is recycling is very tricky. Sometimes people make mistakes and put the wrong things in the recycling bin, which can make it hard to make new stuff from the old stuff! So, it's important to learn what can and can't be recycled in your area. Recycling bins are mostly meant for paper, cardboard, metal cans, plastic bottles and jugs.

You can be an amazing recycling hero too and save the planet. If you want to do some of the recycling work yourself, try being creative! You can make an empty milk into a watering can. You save money from the water can and help the environment! Since you can't do it all by yourself, you can tell your family and friends how cool recycling is and encourage them to do it as well. When you're done using things like plastic bottles, glass jars, or cardboard boxes, put them in the recycling bin instead of the regular trash.

Remember, every bit helps. By recycling, you're helping to take care of animals, trees, and all the beautiful parts of nature. You're making the

Earth smile! So, let's go on this awesome recycling adventure together. We'll make our planet healthier, happier, and even more beautiful!

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Recycle Essay Contest

Saniith Velavarthu

The Benefits of Recycling: A Sustainable Solution for a Greater Future

Recycling, "the process of collecting and processing materials that would otherwise be thrown away as trash and turning them into new products/resources" (Anonymous, 2023), is a powerful tool to use on this planet. The process of recycling plays a vital role in preserving our environment and encouraging sustainability within it. Through participating in programs and events, we can promote recycling and subsequently reduce waste as well as conserve resources.

To begin with, one of the key benefits of recycling is waste reduction. When we recycle materials such as paper, plastic, glass, and metal, we divert them from landfills, where they would take up valuable space and contribute to pollution affecting society and its environment. Recycling helps us minimize the large amount of waste that ends up in our oceans, forests, and other natural habitats.

Moreover, recycling conserves valuable resources. Many materials used in everyday products that you use are derived from limited natural resources. By recycling these materials, we can reduce the need for extracting and processing raw materials, which often involves destructive practices like deforestation and mining. By conserving resources through recycling, we can help protect ecosystems and maintain a healthier balance in nature and earth.

In addition to waste reduction and resource conservation, recycling also plays a crucial role in reducing energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions. Producing goods from recycled materials requires less energy when put in comparison to manufacturing products from raw materials/resources. This energy savings translates into a significant reduction in carbon emissions, helping to combat larger scale problems such as climate change and its detrimental effects.

Recycling also provokes the economy and creates job opportunities. The recycling industry employs thousands of individuals in multiple stages of the recycling process, from collection and sorting to processing and manufacturing. By supporting the recycling initiatives, we are also contributing to the growth of widespread sustainable jobs.

To maximize the impact of recycling, it is essential for individuals, businesses, and governments to work together and truly understand the benefits recycling offers. Individuals like you can start by attempting simple and small habits like separating recyclables from their regular trash and using recycling bins. Businesses can implement recycling programs and encourage sustainable practices among employees at little to no cost. Governments play a crucial role in establishing and enforcing recycling regulations, as well as providing infrastructure and education to support recycling efforts with their potent abilities.

In brief, recycling is a very powerful tool in order to help preserve our planet. It is crucial to understand that recycling is not just a solution; it is a responsibility. By embracing recycling as a team effort, we can create a more sustainable future for generations to come. Let's make recycling a priority and take action to preserve our planet. Henceforth, if you find yourself throwing away something that could be recycled, move it to the recycle bin and feel proud you just aided to sustain the environment.

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Recycle Essay Contest

Krithika Pininti

Earth's population has increased by 0.88% from last year, leaving us around a number that is a bit above 8 billion people. An increasing population means increasing necessities. In order to provide for more people, humans invented countless objects in our daily life to assist us with a more efficient and comfortable way of doing things. More production happens but is not recycled properly. While this may not seem a big issue at first, the effects of not recycling have recently been making an impact on our planet. Most people have good intentions but don't know how to recycle or why it is important. The importance of recycling, its effects and ways to recycle will be explored in this informational essay.

So why is recycling important anyway? One of the main reasons is how it reduces the amount of trash that goes into landfills. Trash is disposed of in an area called a landfill, a site dedicated to the dumping of waste and trash. Recycling conserves space, cost for landfills and pollution. Recycling helps prevent pollution in the air because mining is reduced because we reuse it instead of raw material. There are a lot of environmental hazards associated with mining, such as pollution and an increase in greenhouse gasses. Recycling can not only have an environmental effect but also a way for people to build a community and share their passion for caring for our planet.

There are many ways to recycle; joining a volunteer group, recycling within your household properly, donating to thrift stores, etc. Joining a volunteer group or organization can get you involved in multiple programs and you can play a role in recycling by helping set up events related to conservation. Enforcing a proper recycling plan in your household can contribute too. Big projects to recycle start with your own home! Donating to thrift stores is also a major way to recycle because the merchandise is recycled. Things like clothes, furniture, equipment can be donated.

Some organizations that support recycling include Ample Harvest, WasteAid and CRI. Ample Harvest works to support the reduction of food waste. They help gardeners to donate to nearby food pantries. Donating fresh produce is a way to help their organization grow. WasteAid is an organization that associates with communities to set up recycling centers in their area. They aid communities that cannot afford high prices and are low/middle income. Hosting a fundraiser can be very helpful to their charity. The Container Recycling Institute (CRI) is responsible for educating the society on ways to recycle and providing funding for research on efficient recycling methods. Donating or joining their membership for access to their research are ways to contribute to the CRI organization.

Overall, recycling can influence a better, cleaner Earth. Recycling can be your first step into this modified world. Sustainable living relies heavily on it. As well as reducing pollution, it conserves energy, space, and money.

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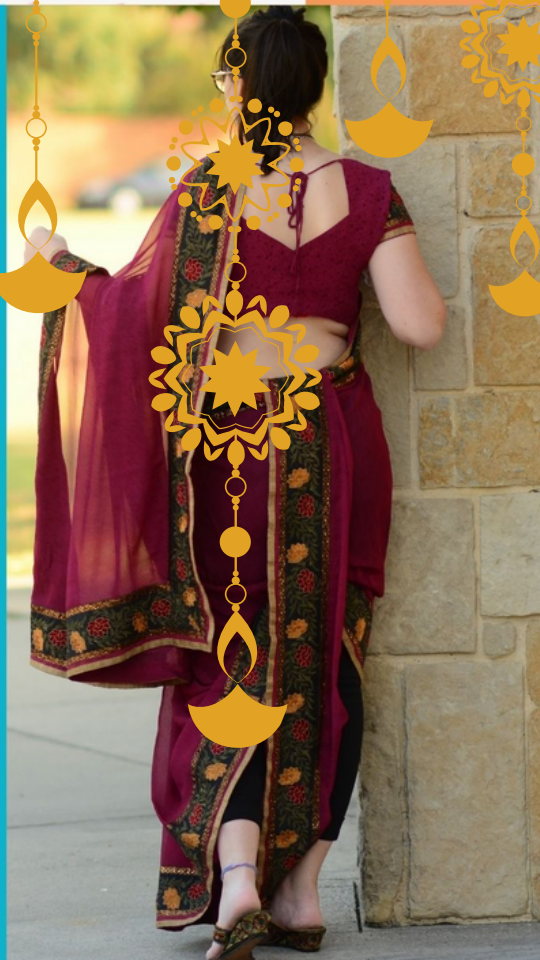
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Holiday Event



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