

## Recycling Relay

*Ready. Set. Go! Team up students for a relay for recycling. Teams race against each other and the clock to determine whether items are recyclable.*

*In our community all of our recycling materials are combined into one bin which is collected every other week by our trash service.*

### **Items needed:**

- Assorted “clean” trash (no banana peels, egg shells, coffee grounds, etc.)
- Two large black garbage bags
- Four boxes, two labeled “Trash” and two “Recycle”

Time Frame: About 30 minutes

**Prep:** Collect various types of trash, some that can be recycled in your area, and some that cannot. Divide it as evenly as possible into two black trash bags (both bags should have the same amount of newspaper, cardboard boxes, plastic bottles, candy wrappers, etc.)



**At the site:** Place the boxes at one side of a large open space. Place a “Trash” box and a “Recycle” box next to each other. Do the same for the other two boxes, placing them a short distance from the first two. Divide the students into two teams. Give each team a black bag of trash. Have them line up behind the bags across the room from the boxes. They will pull an item out of the bag and decide which box it belongs in, run to the box, place it in, then run back and tag the next teammate.



Review each box, giving each team a point for each correct choice. The team with the most correct items wins.



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