

RECYCLING

I'm not going to get all "save the planet" on you, Cragman. But I do believe that we need to make good decisions for the sake of our fellow man as well as all of nature around us. We have limited resources that are being used up every day and we need to leave the planet in good shape for the generations that are coming after us. It's simply the right and responsible thing to do.

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EARN THIS NUGGET

Instead of throwing everything in the trash, create a place or bin for papers, metals, plastics, and glass. Get them down to the recycle center if no house-to-house recycling system exists in your town. Continue for three weeks to earn your Nugget and then carry on forever if you can.

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Many countries of the world now mandate recycling and failure to do so is actually a crime that you can be fined for. In the US, we are a long way from that, with recycling of any kind being actually quite difficult.

Papers and cardboard

These are probably the easiest to recycle, because they are one of the easiest to turn back into paper. The paper itself is hydrogen-bonded wood chip with few chemicals so goes great when disposed of in a landfill. But if we can get that paper back into the chain, then less trees need to be cut down. (Don't fear too much about the trees either. In the US more trees are planted than cut down and the forest that they use is fully sustainable.) If you don't have a recycle center near you, often stores will take boxes from you if you break them down flat.

They generally get paid for the paper that they send back for recycling.

Glass

Glass is easily melted back down into other bottles. You will need to sort out color. Clear, green, and brown are the most common divisions for glass.

Plastics

These are a little trickier. There are around fifty types of plastic. Some cannot be recycled at all. Most are deemed too difficult to mess with and will go to a landfill or be incinerated. The best options for recycling are those marked with a 1 or a 2. Clean these and put these in for recycling.

Metals

Metals are another very easy to recycle material. Just sort between steel and aluminum, which will account for most of the waste that you have. Use a magnet if you are not sure. Steel is magnetic, aluminum is not.

