



# RECYCLING CHAMPIONS



## Sort it Out: Recycling in NYC Primary Ed



# Do you know your three R's?

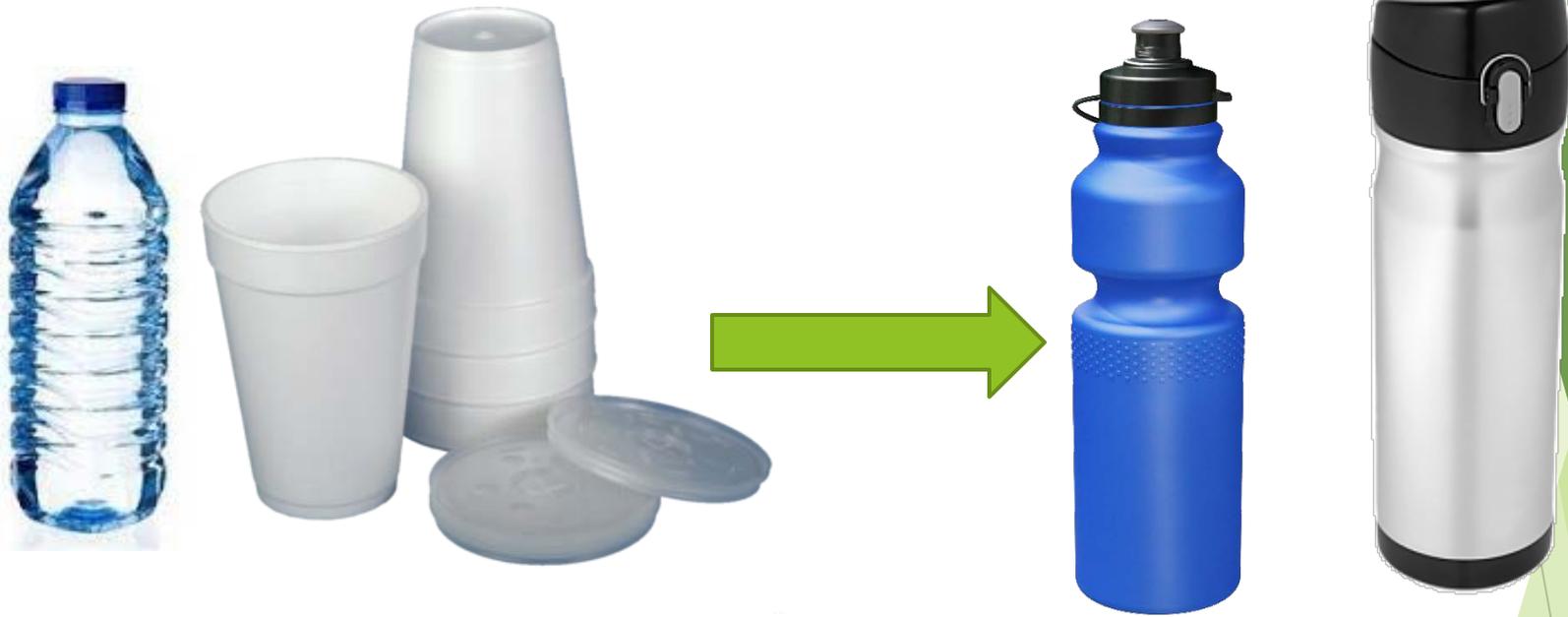
## Reduce, Reuse, Recycle



- ▶ The Three R's are a way to help us care for our planet.
- ▶ They are strategies we can use to prevent and reduce our waste.
- ▶ “Going Green” can be led by students!



# Reduce:



Making decisions to create less waste



Re-use:

Finding new ways to use old things



Have you ever made something new out of something old?

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# Recycle:



**Break down and transform**  
discarded things to make new ones



# We Recycle

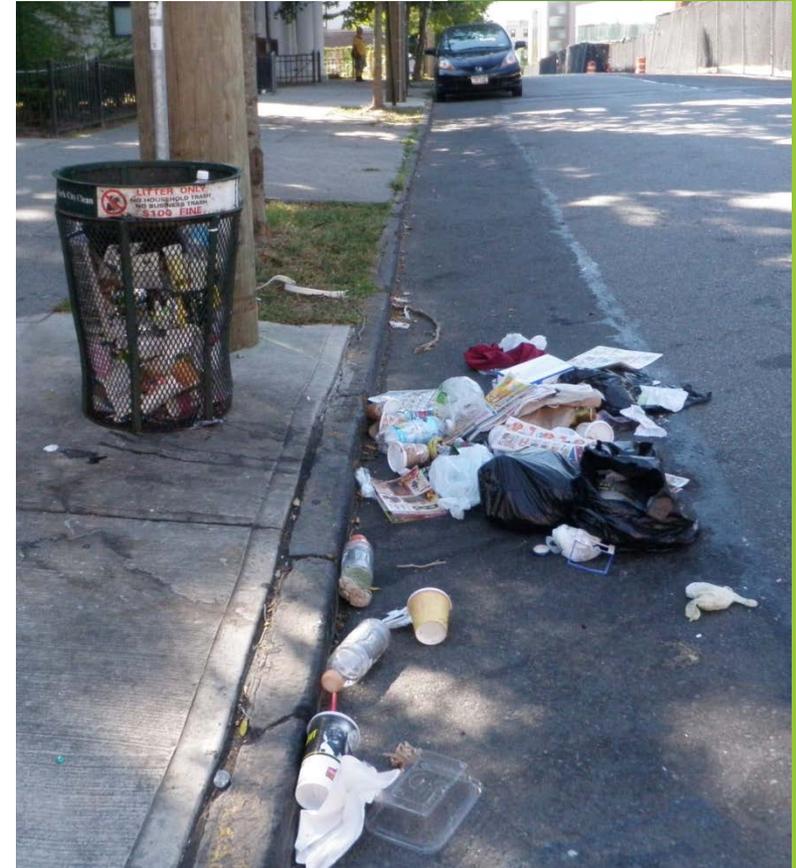
*Because we make things from natural resources*



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# We recycle to prevent pollution



**Trash left on streets can end up in our oceans and rivers, and would pollute our environment.**

# Trash Can Become Litter



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Trash goes  
to landfills



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**400,000 tons**

**THAT'S THE AMOUNT OF RECYCLABLE  
PAPER PEOPLE IN NYC THROW AWAY  
EACH YEAR...  
ENOUGH TO FILL THE EMPIRE STATE  
BUILDING!**

**40%** of what we throw  
away in school is  
paper

What can we do better in the  
classroom





**When we recycle at school  
Where do those  
materials go?**



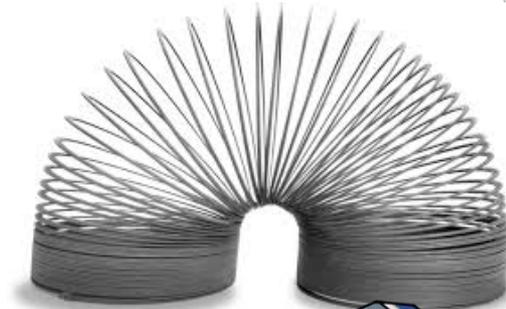
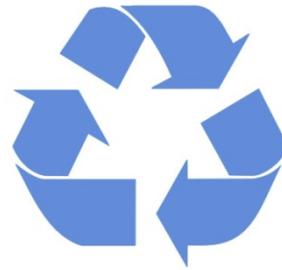
# Recyclables go to a Material Recovery Facility



Sims Recycling Center  
Sunset Park, Brooklyn

# Recycling Steel

## Creates New Products



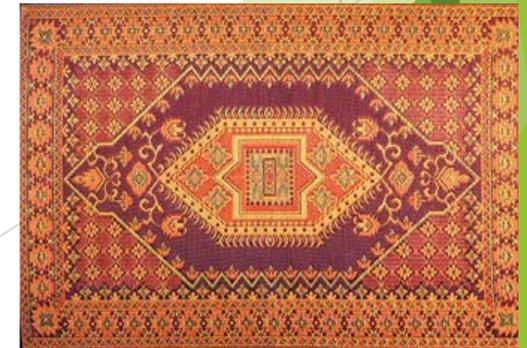
# Recycling Aluminum

## Creates New Products



# Recycling Plastic Bottles

## Creates New Products



# Recycling Paper and Cardboard Creates New Products



# Sort it Out!

Over 90% of what we throw out  
in school is recyclable or compostable



Guidelines

# Recycle paper in Green

Paper  
Envelopes  
Cardboard  
Newspapers  
Magazines

**Leave out:** tissues, napkins, paper with too much paint.

## Mixed Paper

newspaper/ paper bags/ phone books/ loose paper/ envelopes/ shredded paper



## Cardboard

egg cartons/ clean pizza boxes/ notepads/ folders/ corrugated cardboard/ small boxes



**NYC**  
Recycles

Call 311 or visit  
nyc.gov for more  
information

If you can tear it,  
we can take it.



## Guidelines

**Don't Trash It,  
Recycle It.**



Classroom and  
Office Paper  
Recycling

**If you can rip it, you can recycle it.**

**Guidelines**

# New Recycling in the Cafeteria!?

## Which Bin Does it Go In?



**Guidelines**

# Please Empty Liquids First

- Please empty leftover milk, juice, water and soda into the bucket *before* recycling the container
- Cartons are emptied and then placed in the BLUE Bin





# Guidelines

# Recycle MGPC in Blue

Metal  
Glass  
Hard Plastic  
Cartons

**Leave out:** soft plastic  
(plastic bags, chips  
wrappers, Capri Sun  
pouches)



<b>Metal</b>  <b>No</b> Batteries	<b>Plastic</b>  <b>No</b> Plastic bags, wrappers, pouches, foam
<b>Glass</b>  Bottles & jars only.	<b>Cartons</b>  Anything that holds liquids like milk or juice.
Empty containers before recycling. Caps & lids ok. Put in clear bags or in any bin labeled METAL, GLASS & PLASTIC or any bin with blue NYC Recycles decal.	
<a href="http://nyc.gov/recycle">nyc.gov/recycle</a> f NYC Recycles	

## Guidelines



# Recycle in the **BLUE BIN**

All hard plastics  
in the **blue bin**

- Take-out containers
- Plastic utensils
- Fruit & pudding cups
- Yogurt, dairy, deli & clamshell containers



**Guidelines**

# Recycle in the **BLUE BIN**

## Anything Mostly Metal

### Cans and foil in the **blue bin**



<h3>Metal</h3> <p><b>No</b> Batteries</p>	<h3>Plastic</h3> <p><b>No</b> Plastic bags, wrappers, pouches, foam</p>
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# Remaining Trash Goes in the GRAY Landfill Bin



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# Landfill Bin: Soft plastic

Chip Bags  
Candy  
wrappers  
Plastic Bags  
Zip Lock Bags  
Capri Sun  
Pouches  
Plastic wrap

Soft PLASTIC can be crumpled up in your fist.  
Plastic you can SMASH is TRASH



**Guidelines**



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*Thank You!*



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