

SINGLE STREAM SCOTTIE RECYCLES..... WILL YOU?



Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

What does it mean to Reduce and how do I do it?



- ◇ Reducing is finding ways to decrease or lessen the amount of garbage we throw away.
- ◇ You can Reduce by buying only what you need and use all of what you buy.
- ◇ Buy in bulk. For example if you buy a large bag of pretzels you can separate or portion out what you want to pack for lunch and put into a baggie. You can reuse your baggie every day for lunch!
- ◇ If you get a hole in your sock or shirt, instead of throwing it away you can sew it.

What does it mean to Reuse?

- ◇ Find another way to use something over again instead of throwing it away
- ◇ Examples:

Water bottles, shopping bags, tissue paper, gift bows can be used over and over again. You can have a yard sale, or shopping at a thrift store are also good ways to Reuse.

What is Recycling?

- ◇ Recycling is the practice of collecting and making them into something new.
 - ◇ Plastics can be recycled into:
 - Clothing or carpeting
 - Plastic lumber, furniture and other rigid plastic items
 - Car parts
 - ◇ Glass can be recycled into
 - Glass beads used for reflective highway paint
 - Paving and drainage applications



Benefits of Recycling

- ◇ Reduces the amount of waste sent to landfills and incinerators
 - ◇ Conserves natural resources such as timber, water, and minerals
 - ◇ Prevents pollution by reducing the need to collect new raw materials;
 - ◇ Saves energy
 - ◇ Reduces greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to global climate change
 - ◇ Helps sustain the environment for future generations!



How do I Recycle?

Allentown has recently moved to Single Stream recycling. The new Single Stream recycling is a process that does not require the sorting and separation of materials sent to be recycled. Single stream sorting differs from the old method where homeowners had to sort and separate recyclables into different colored bins.

Recycling is now easier than ever, just mix together!



Top 10 Ways to Recycle

No.10: Reuse Plastic Bags

Often plastic shopping bags get used once and thrown away, but that bag can be used for future groceries or as a garbage bag.

No.9: Buy Rechargeable Batteries

Batteries are filled with toxic materials that are terrible for the environment, so go green by buying batteries that you can recharge. There are also special companies that will collect your old batteries and recycle them safely.

No.8: Recycling at School

It's easy to remember to recycle at home, but what about school? If your school doesn't already have recycling bins, ask your teacher or administrator if they can get them or make one yourself – in fact, recycling can be a great project for the whole class.



No.7: Spending Green

Support eco-friendly companies by buying products made from recycled material – this could be anything from pencils and paper to wallets and clothing!

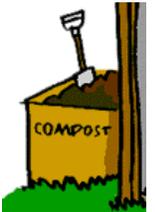
No.6: Electronics and the Earth



What do you do when your phone finally goes kaput? Don't just toss it in the trash! Many cellphone providers will recycle your phone for you when you get a new one and if not, go online and find your nearest electronics recycling location. They can recycle everything from laptops to phones!

No.5: Compost the Most

Ask your parents or your school to start composting. All your biodegradable food garbage – like egg shells and banana peels – will soon turn to soil that is great for planting.



No.4: Sheets, Towels and Clothing

Old sheets, towels and clothing can be donated to charity to be sold in thrift stores, or to an animal shelter as bedding and cleaning materials. You can also bring them down to our Recycling Drop off Center at 1400 Martin Luther King Jr, Dr.

No.3: Get Crafty!

If you're artistic you probably already know that there are a million ways to reuse jars, tubs and paper. A few crafts that include recycled materials are paper mache piñatas using old newspapers; painting and designing using old jars, tin cans and plastic containers; and using old magazines to make collages.

No.2: Green Thumb

If you're not just green but also have a green thumb, you might want to try making old 2 liter soda bottles and empty jars into planters for flowers and herbs.

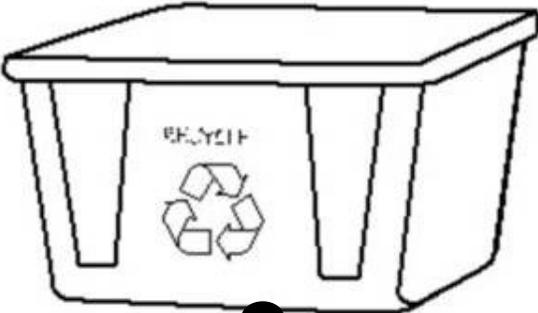


No.1: Recycle Every Day

The best way to recycle is to do it every day in your home and wherever you go. Remember to sort newspapers and magazines, plastic containers and bottles and assorted paper into your recycling and urge your friends and family to look out for ways to recycle, too!



Circle what belongs in Scottie's bin



Recycling Word Search

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reduce

reuse

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trash

landfill

paper

glass

plastic

litter

environment

aluminum

newspaper

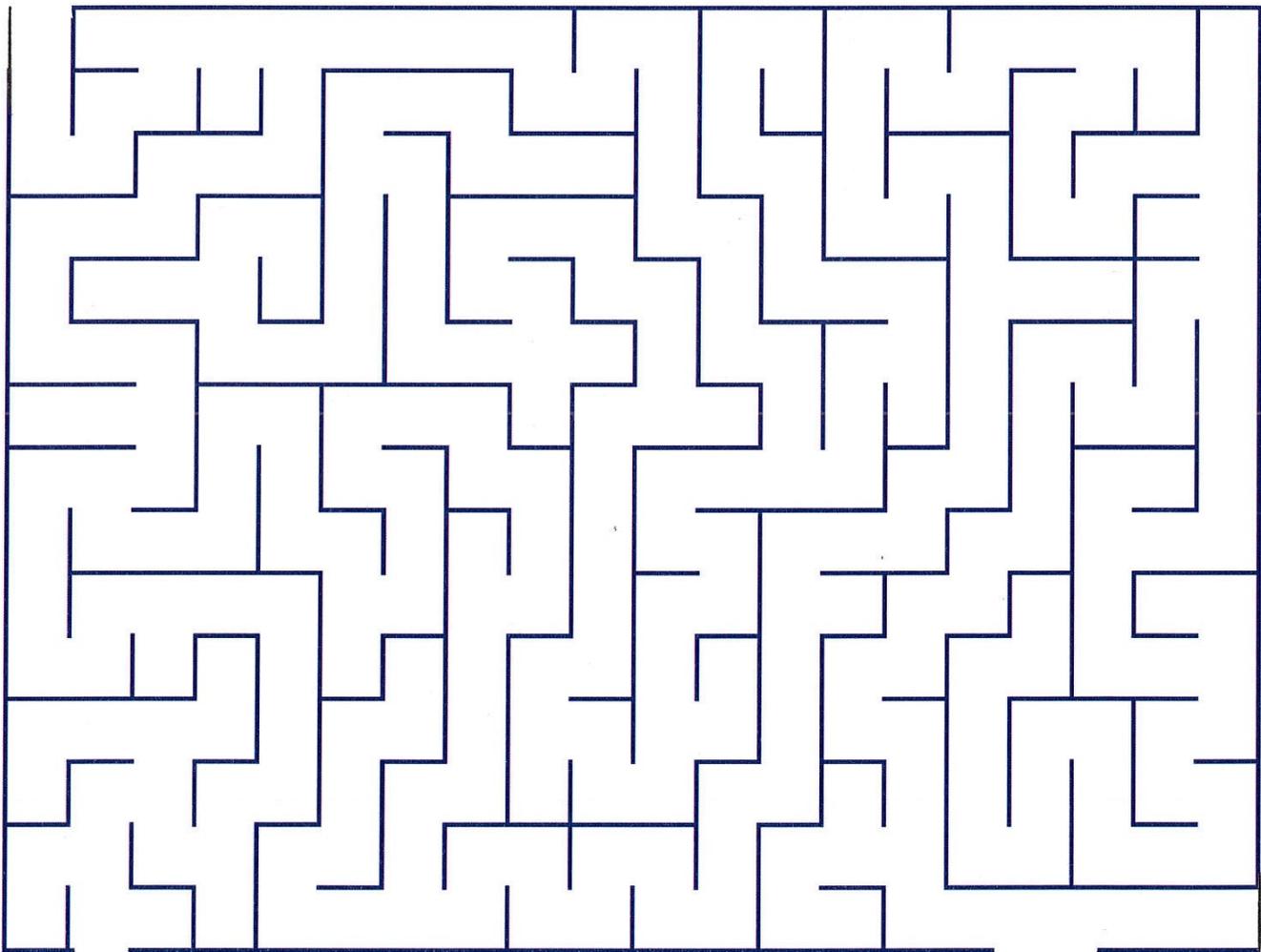


When you run out of jobs
for me, recycle me.

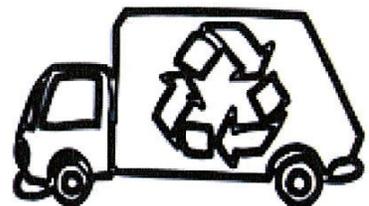
Recycle with Allentown

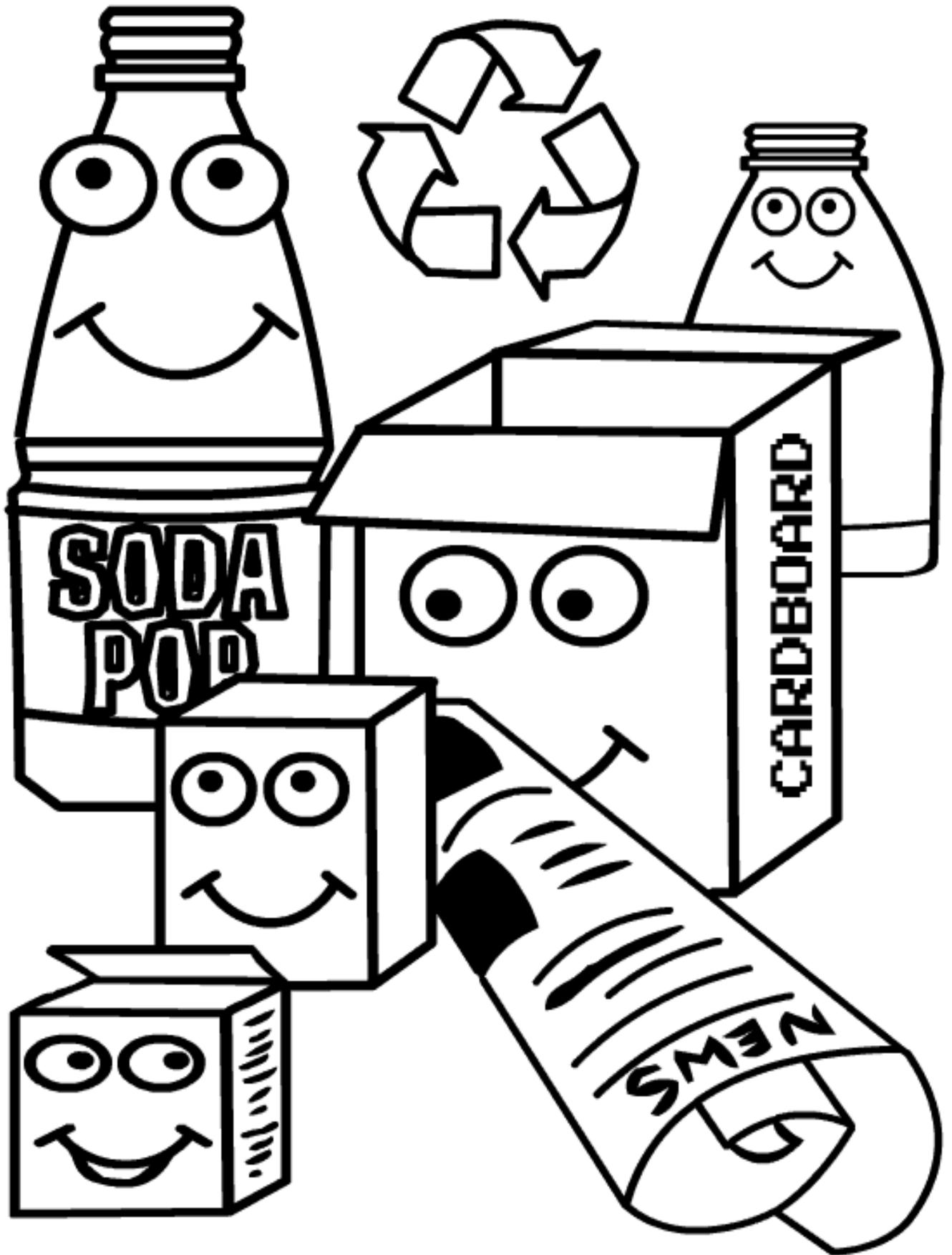


Help Allentown put the recyclables in the truck.....Beware of the trash can!



Recycle





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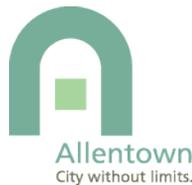
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RECYCLE



MESSAGE TO PARENTS

This activity book is brought to you by the City of Allentown Bureau of Recycling and Solid Waste. Our goal is to teach your children the importance of recycling and the proper ways to help. We need your help in this important task. Please review the ideas in this activity book with your children. Emphasize positive behaviors and help your children think of some of the benefits of following these suggestions.



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