

What Happens to My Recycling?



Lots of things can be **recycled**. This means they will be made into new things.

The things in these pictures can all be **recycled**, but how?



We put our *recycling* into the *yellow-lidded recycling bin*.



Make sure food and drink containers are empty and dry.



When the **recycling** bin is full, it is put out on the kerb.



A truck picks up the bin and tips the **recycling** into the truck.



When the truck is full, the **recycling** is tipped out at a Material Recovery Facility (MRF). This is where the **recycling** is sorted.



The **recycling** is sorted by machines and people.

A machine that helps to sort the **recycling** is called a trommel.



The trommel has holes and as it turns, containers, bottles, cans and jars fall through the holes. Flat things like paper come out the other end.

Some of the **recycling** is sorted by people. Containers, cartons, bottles, cans and jars are sorted by hand.





Once the **recycling** has been sorted, it is squashed into **bales**.



The **bales of recycling** will be sent away and made into new things!



There are lots of things that can be recycled.



Cardboard



Plastic containers



Paper cartons



Glass



Paper



Metal cans



Recycling helps us to care for the environment.

Recycling everything that we can saves energy, water and resources.

