

# Post Workshop Home Activity

## Recycling@Home

All of the items below are accepted in your home recycling.

Circle the items below that your family recycles.



## Garbage

These things cannot be recycled or reused, so they go in the garbage.



## Recycling Expert Time!

Write down something you learned about recycling at the Recycling Workshop.

You are now the *Recycling Expert* in your home and in your school!

## Reuse

What type of bag does your family use for shopping?

☐ Plastic ☐ Paper ☐ Reusable Bags

If your bag is not reusable, what do you do with it afterward?

☐ Throw it away ☐ Reuse it ☐ Recycle It

If you use reusable bags, what does your family do to remember to bring the reusable bags into the store?

☐ Store them in the car ☐ Keep them with the coats and jackets

☐ Hang them by the front door ☐ Other:



## Rethink and Reduce

Think of 3 items that your family regularly throws away and write them below. Then write down a way you and your family can *rethink* each item to reduce waste.

Item found in your home garbage

Example: Plastic sandwich wrapper

How can you *rethink* it?

Pack my sandwich in a reusable container.

1.

2.

3.



**18%** of Snohomish County's garbage is paper that could have been recycled.

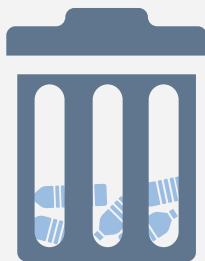
**Paper Fact:** Recycling paper uses 60% less energy than making a new piece of paper, reduces pollution, and helps preserve forests.

- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

**Actions:** Create a paper reuse box for your home. Use both sides of paper before recycling it. Buy paper made with recycled content.

## Educate

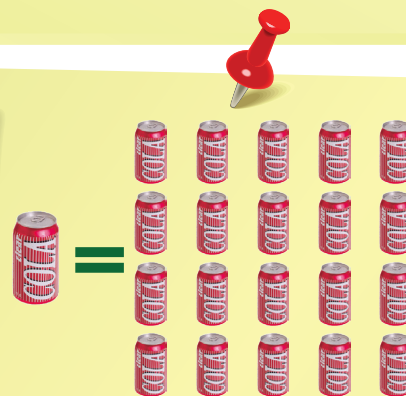
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**Plastic Fact:** Did you know one third of what we throw away in the U.S. is packaging and single-use containers?

- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

**Actions:** Bringing your lunch in reusable containers and filling a reusable bottle means there is nothing to throw away. You can wash the containers and reusable bottle to use again and again.



**Aluminium Fact:** The same amount of energy is used to make 1 completely new soda can or to make 20 cans from recycled aluminum.

- Can Manufacturers Institute

**Actions:** Recycle empty clean cans. A recycled aluminum can could be back on the store shelf in 60 days as a new can!

- Northeast Recycling Council

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