

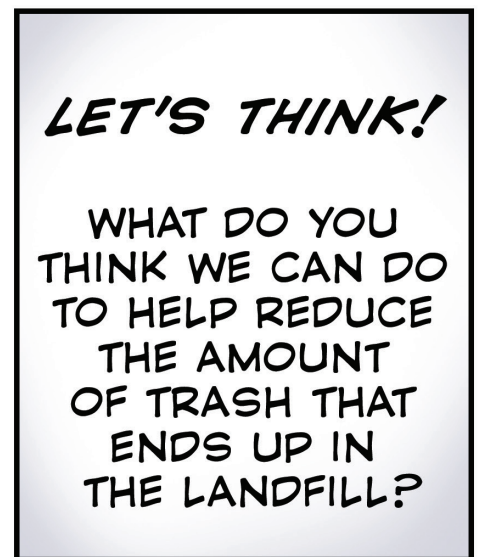
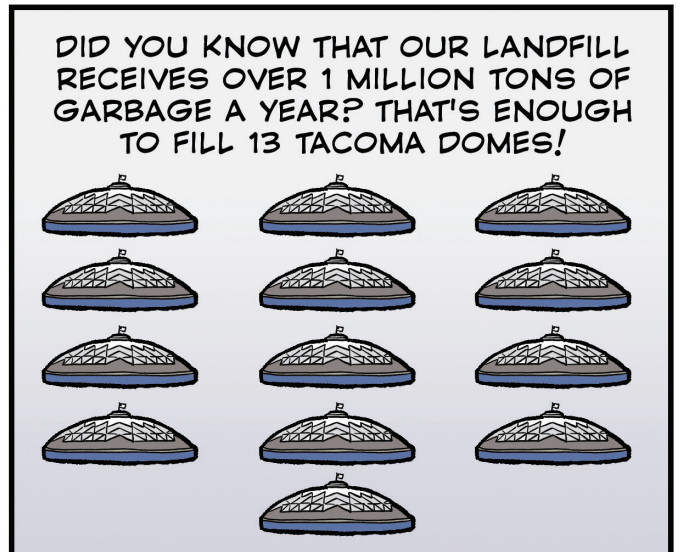
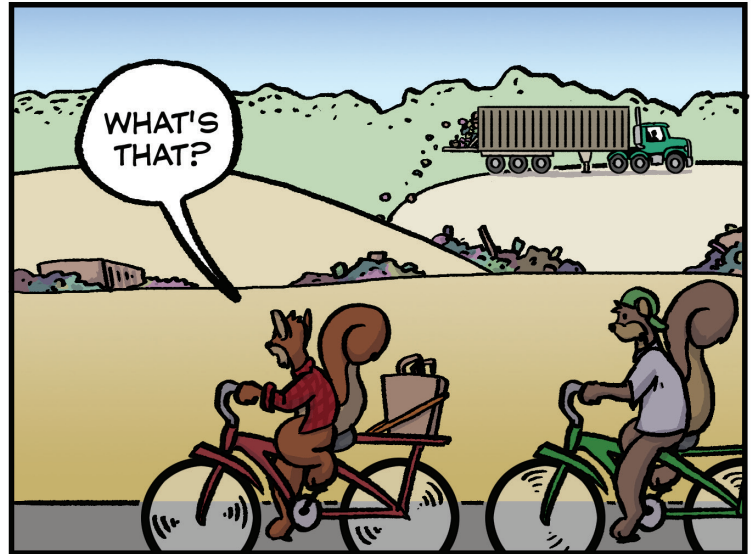
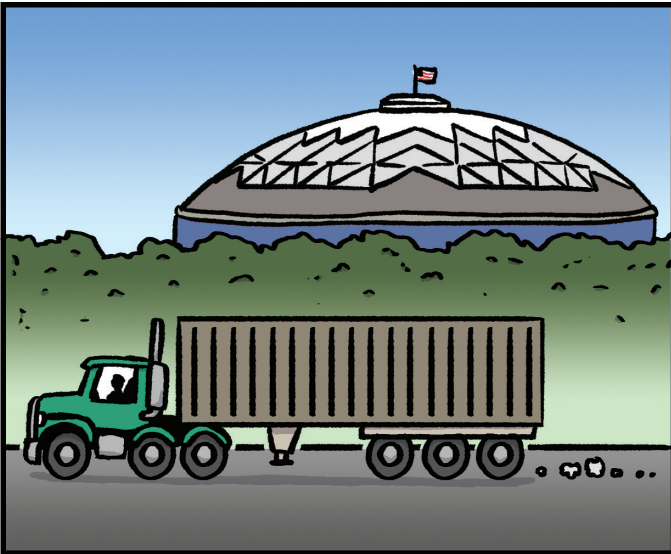
Tacoma Recycles Right



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What Happens to Our Trash?



What Can We Do?

One way you can reduce the amount of trash that ends up in the landfill is to recycle.

What's recycling? Crack the code to find out!

Recycling is a way to take something _____

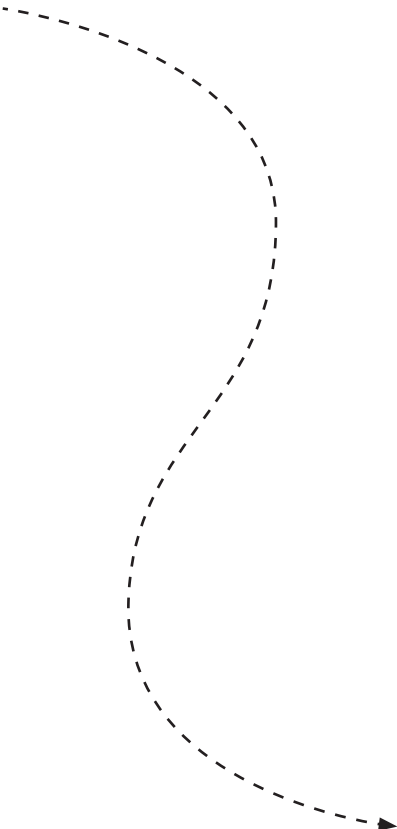


and transform it into something _____



♻️ = D 🚗 = N 🍷 = U
 🍵 = E 🗑️ = S 🚲 = W

Here's how it works! Match each item to what they become after recycling.




What is Recyclable?

Not everything can be recycled. Putting wrong items in the recycle bin could mean that the entire load is sent to the landfill and all your hard work goes to waste. This is why it's important to Recycle Right!

Do you know which items can be recycled in Tacoma?

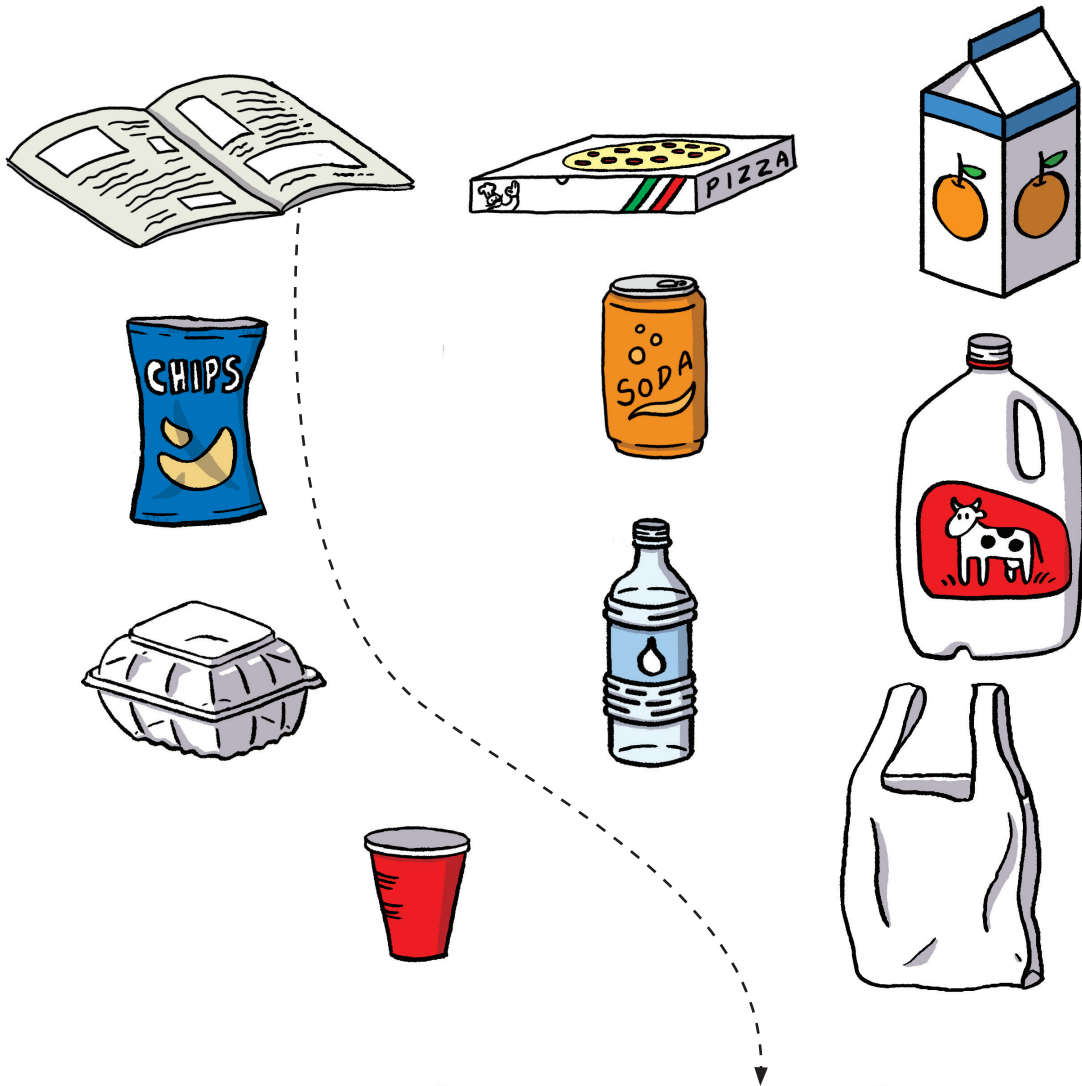
Circle the recyclables in the image below.



FUN FACT: The  symbol on plastic containers does NOT mean that the item can be recycled in Tacoma. Visit tacomarecycles.org to stay up to date on which items are recyclable.

What Goes Where?

Help Scout the Squirrel sort the items by **drawing a line to the right bin.**

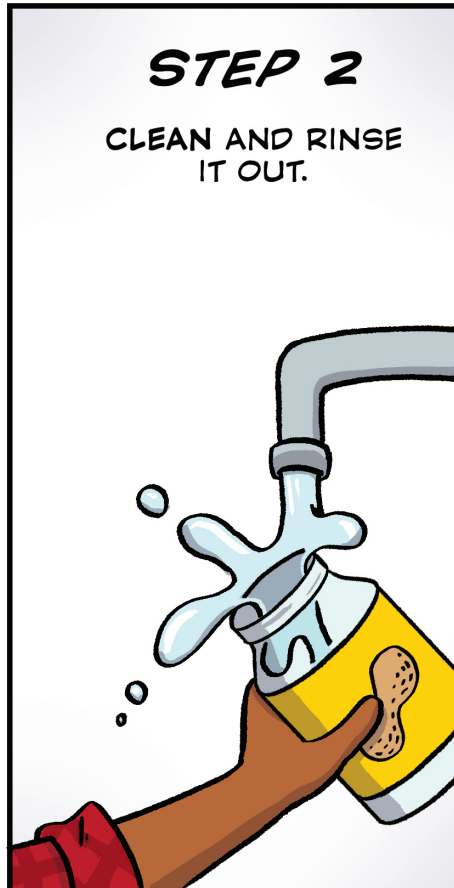
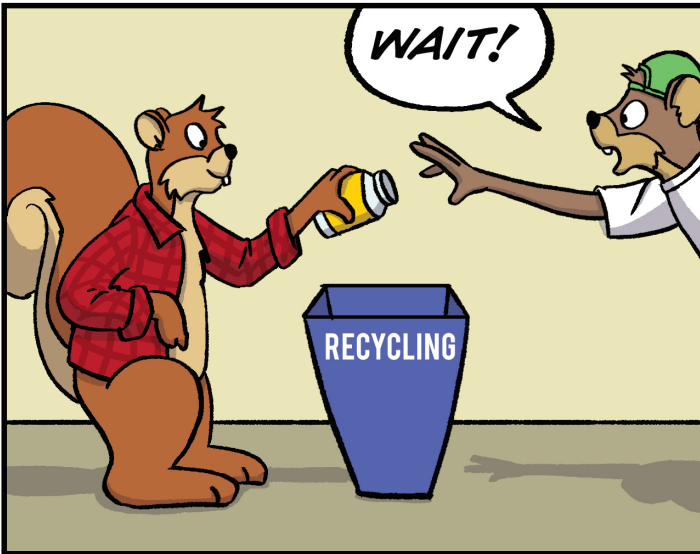


GARBAGE



RECYCLING

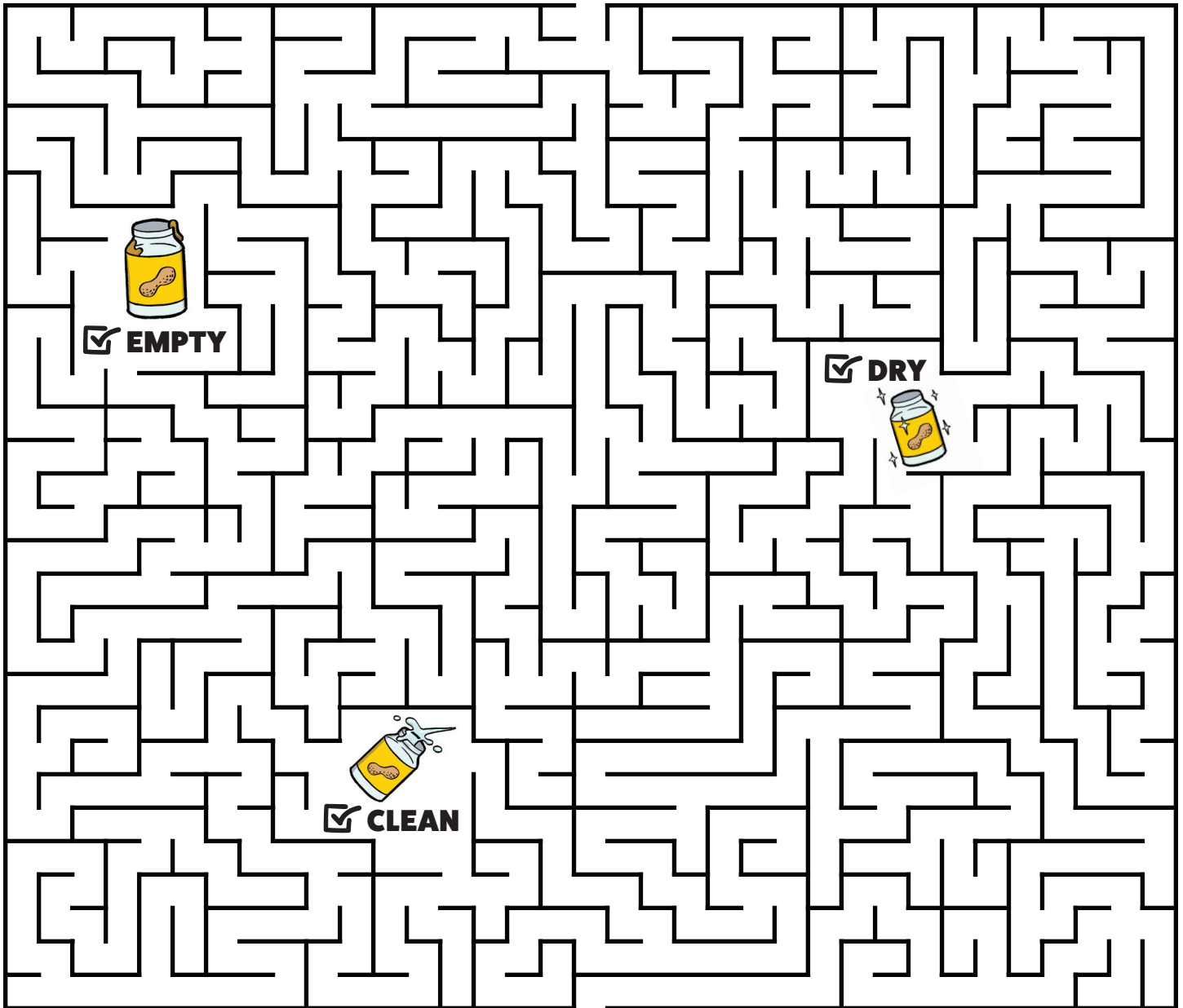
How Do I Recycle Right?



Help Scout the Squirrel
Recycle Right by **solving**
the maze.



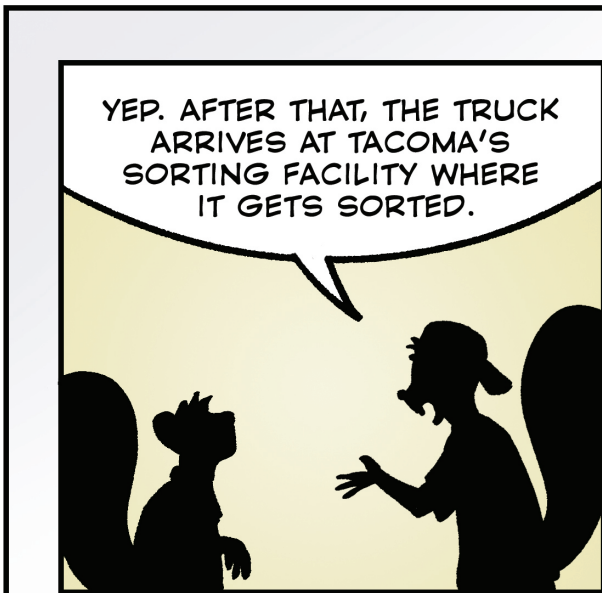
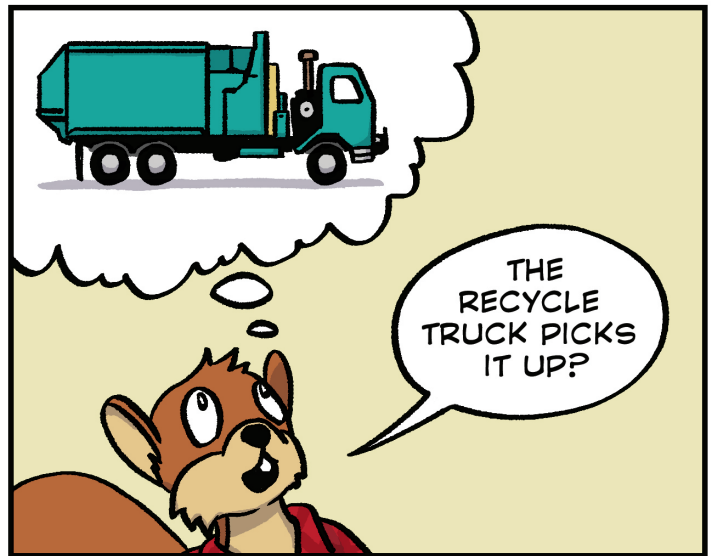
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CONGRATULATIONS!
YOU RECYCLED RIGHT!

WHY EMPTY, CLEAN, AND DRY? Dirty and wet items can make your clean recyclables dirty too, and when recyclables become dirty they have to be sent to the landfill!

How Does Recycling Work?



EACH OF THE DIFFERENT RECYCLED MATERIALS ARE SQUISHED TOGETHER TO MAKE BIG BLOCKS CALLED BALES.

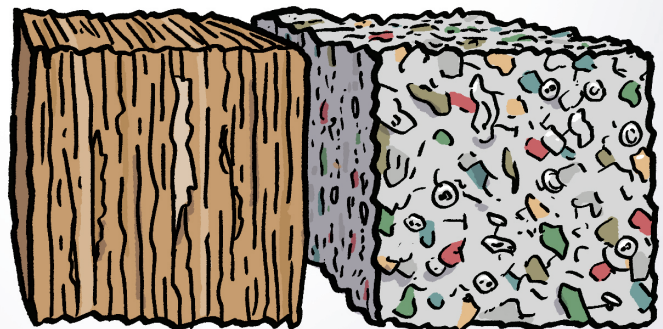
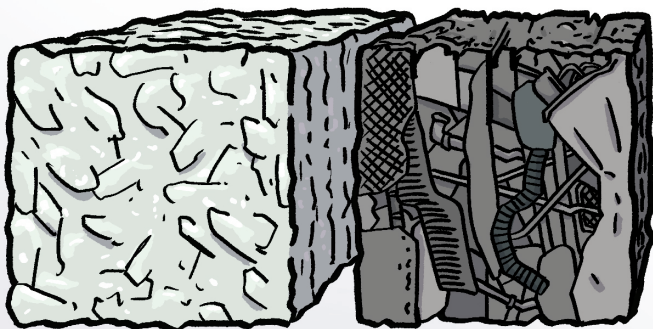
THESE BALES ARE SHIPPED TO OTHER PLACES WHERE THEY ARE MADE INTO NEW THINGS.

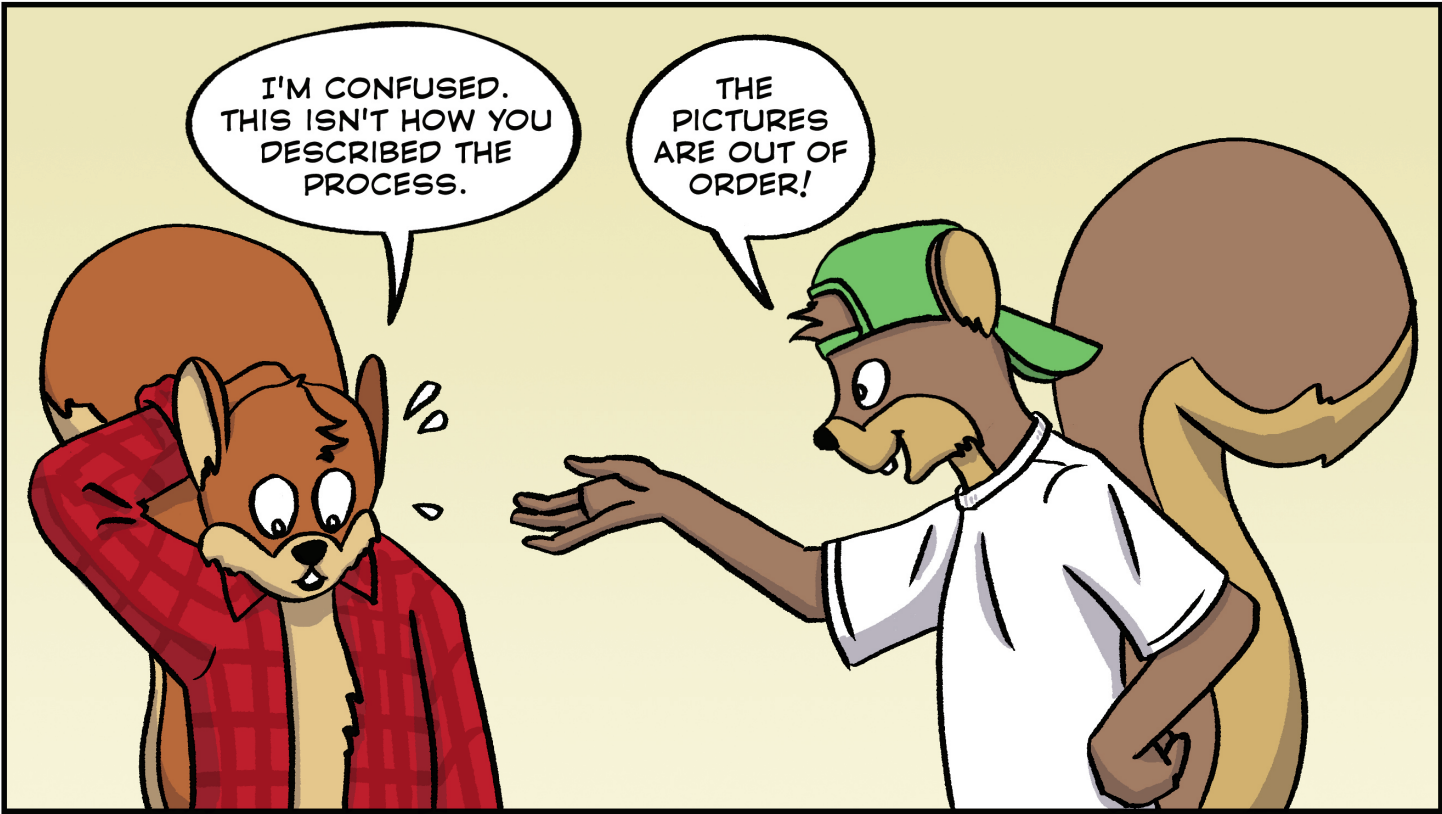
PLASTIC

METAL

CARDBOARD

ALUMINUM

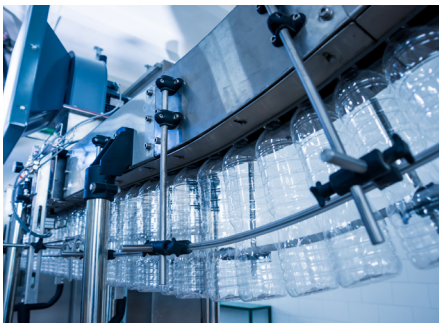




Help Scout the Squirrel **put the pictures below in order from 1-6** to describe the recycling process.



_____ **Sorting**



_____ **Production**



_____ **Baling**



_____ **New recycled products**

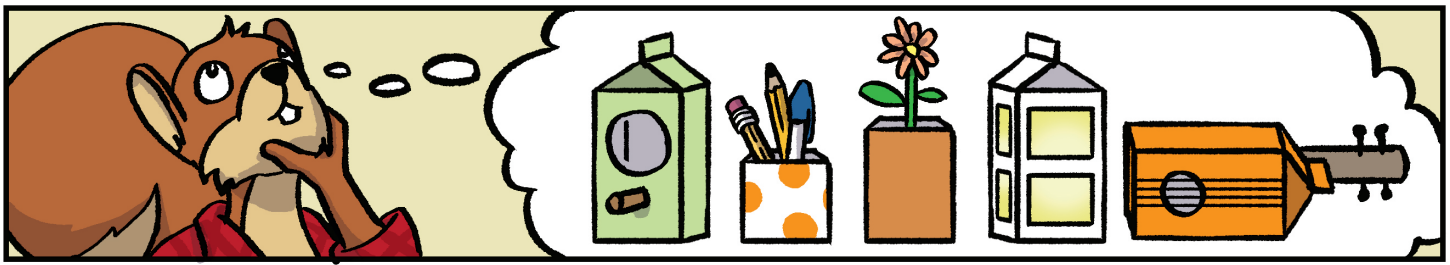
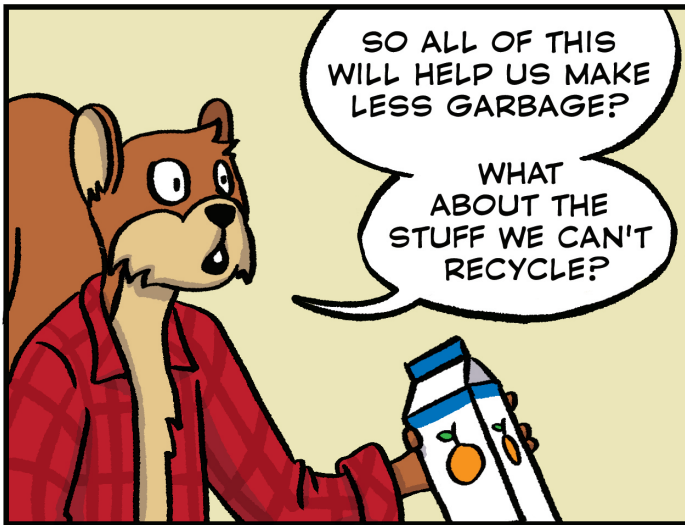


_____ **Shipping**



1. **Recycling pick up**

Reuse It, Don't Trash It!

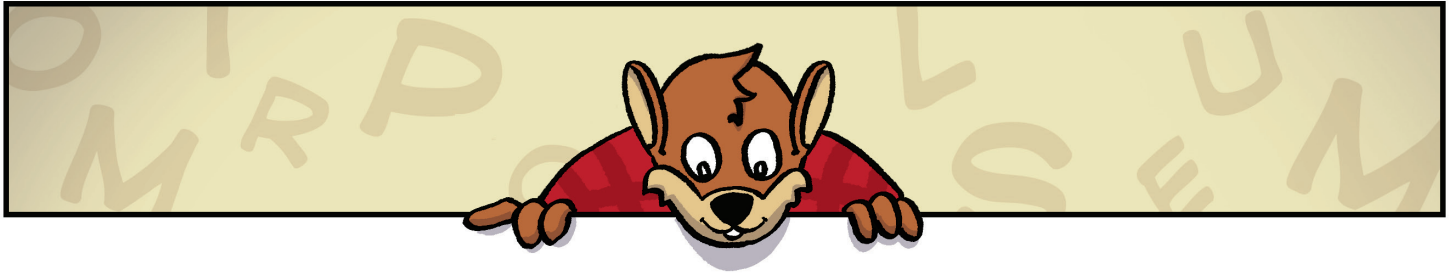


Unscramble the letters to learn 6 ways you can reuse an orange juice carton.
HINT Refer to the images above for clues.

- LECPIN LODHRE** _____
- ORLEFW OTP** _____
- ANLTERN** _____
- RIDB EEDFR** _____
- GGIYP NAKB** _____
- TARIGU** _____

GET CREATIVE! What else can you think of? Find something at home that you would normally throw away and find a way to reuse it.

Wordsearch: Help Scout the Squirrel find the hidden words.



E V V N R C A A H N V E Z N O
A T O Y O S M E A D N I T E X
Y L S H Q L Y E F V P W A W P
T S U A R R L O I X F G C S U
W R V M W C E R N I B B O P J
A U Z H I K O D S E S W M A B
U P N R G N U D U L B U A P B
T P P F M L U R E C Y C L E Q
M W W E Y T Y M A X E M N R E
O Y N B T S Z W R X E P V S R
S T V D P O D R Y T X P U W G
D S Y R M P H H A Q V E Y Z L
L B A R E M Q L X F R M I L Y
B O H L P O C C I T S A L P W
I H R Q G C H E A L T H Y A B

REUSE
RECYCLE
REDUCE
TACOMA
ENVIRONMENT

PLASTIC
WASTE
EMPTY
CLEAN
DRY

ALUMINUM
NEWSPAPER
METAL
BIN
GLASS

COMPOST
HEALTHY

Pledge to Recycle Right

It takes all of us to reduce the amount of trash that ends up in our landfill. Join our efforts and take the pledge! Then cut out and post this page on a wall or fridge to let everyone know!

I pledge to:

- Empty, clean, and dry my recyclables;
- Sort the recyclables from trash at home; and
- Share what I've learned with...
 - a family member: _____ and
(name of family member)
 - a friend: _____, by _____
(name of friend) (date)

so that when I grow up Tacoma will still be healthy and clean!

Signature: _____ **Today's Date:** _____



Answer Key

One way you can reduce the amount of trash that ends up in the landfill is to recycle.

What's recycling? Crack the code to find out!

Recycling is a way to take something **USED**

and transform it into something **NEW**

♻️ = D 🚲 = N ♀ = U
 🗑️ = E 🗑️ = S ♻️ = W

Here's how it works! Match each item to what they become after recycling.

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Do you know which items can be recycled in Tacoma?
 Circle the recyclables in the image below.

Page 4: Plastic bottles, jugs, and tubs; metal and aluminum cans, and paper bags are all recyclable. Glass jars are also recyclable and should be placed in the glass-only container. Paper plates, plastic utensils, chip bags, and juice cartons are NOT recyclable in Tacoma.

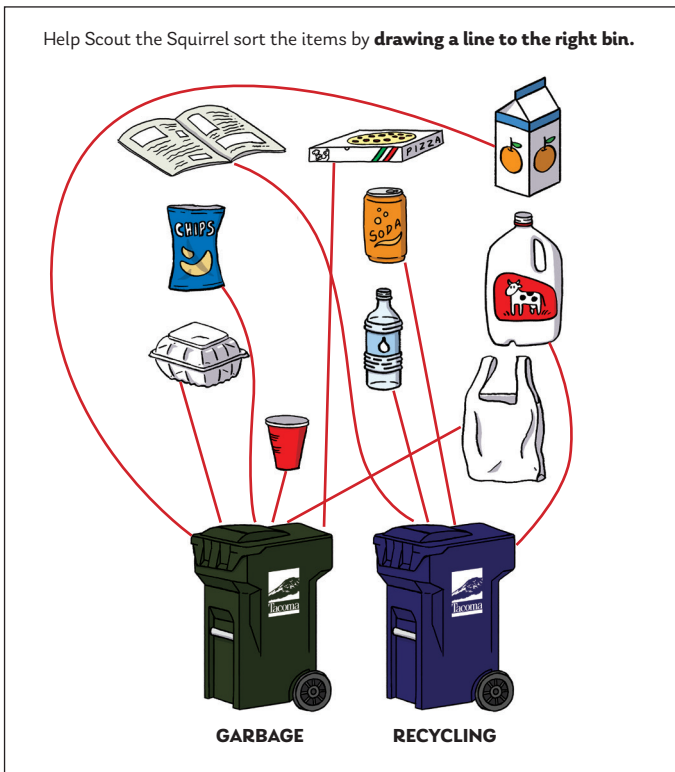
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**CONGRATULATIONS!
 YOU RECYCLED RIGHT!**

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Answer Key



Page 7: Plastic bottles and jugs; aluminum cans, and paper including can be placed in the recycle bin. Single-use plastic cups, chip bags, juice cartons, pizza boxes, and leftover food should be placed in the garbage bin.

Help Scout the Squirrel **put the pictures below in order from 1–6** to describe the recycling process.

 <p><u>2.</u> Sorting</p>	 <p><u>5.</u> Production</p>	 <p><u>3.</u> Baling</p>
 <p><u>6.</u> New recycled products</p>	 <p><u>4.</u> Shipping</p>	 <p><u>1.</u> Curbside pick up</p>

Answer Key

Unscramble the letters to learn 6 ways you can reuse an orange juice carton.

LECPIN LODHRE	<u>PENCIL HOLDER</u>
ORLEFW OTP	<u>FLOWER POT</u>
ANLTERN	<u>LANTERN</u>
RIDB EEDFR	<u>BIRD FEEDER</u>
GGIYP NAKB	<u>PIGGY BANK</u>
TARIGU	<u>GITAR</u>

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Wordsearch: Help Scout the Squirrel find the hidden words.



E	V	V	N	R	C	A	A	H	N	V	E	Z	N	O
A	T	O	Y	O	S	M	E	A	D	N	I	T	E	X
Y	L	S	H	Q	L	Y	E	F	V	P	W	A	W	P
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S	T	V	D	P	O	D	R	Y	T	X	P	U	W	G
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L	B	A	R	E	M	Q	L	X	F	R	M	I	L	Y
B	O	H	L	P	O	C	C	I	T	S	A	L	P	W
I	H	R	Q	G	C	H	E	A	L	T	H	Y	A	B

REUSE	PLASTIC	ALUMINUM	COMPOST
RECYCLE	WASTE	NEWSPAPER	HEALTHY
REDUCE	EMPTY	METAL	
TACOMA	CLEAN	BIN	
ENVIRONMENT	DRY	GLASS	

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Thanks for keeping Tacoma clean!

- Test your recycling skills with Tacoma's new recycling game, Sort the Sound, at tacomawa.recycle.game.
- Find free environmental education resources at cityoftacoma.org/envirochallenger.



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