

# The Recycle Guys



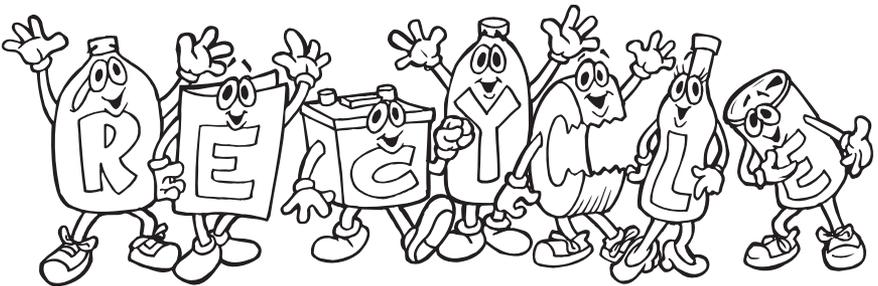
# ACTIVITY BOOK

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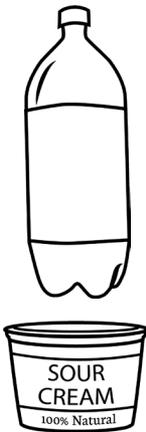
# DON'T YOU KNOW? RECYCLING IS THE WAY TO GO!

Recycle in school, at home, and anywhere in between! Check out where the Recycle Guys recycle in this activity book.



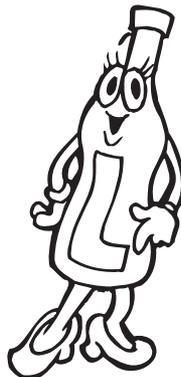
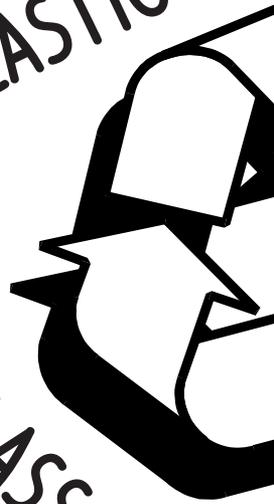
# CHECK OUT OUR REC

Recycling can look different from place to place. Some items are widely acceptable in our state and others are not. Paper, metal cans; glass bottles and jars; plastic bottles keeps them out of the trash and lets them be recycled. Always check with an adult to see what is accepted in your area.



PETE THE BOTTLE

## PLASTIC



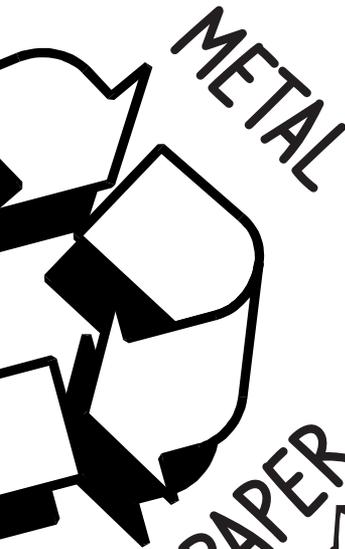
DOTTIE BOTTLE

## GLASS

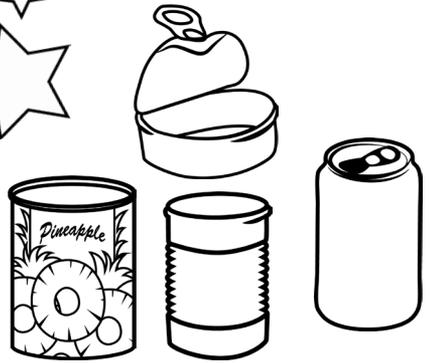


# YCLING SUPER STARS!

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re plastic bottles, jars, tubs and jugs;  
per and boxes. Recycling these items  
them become something new! Always  
that is recyclable in your area!



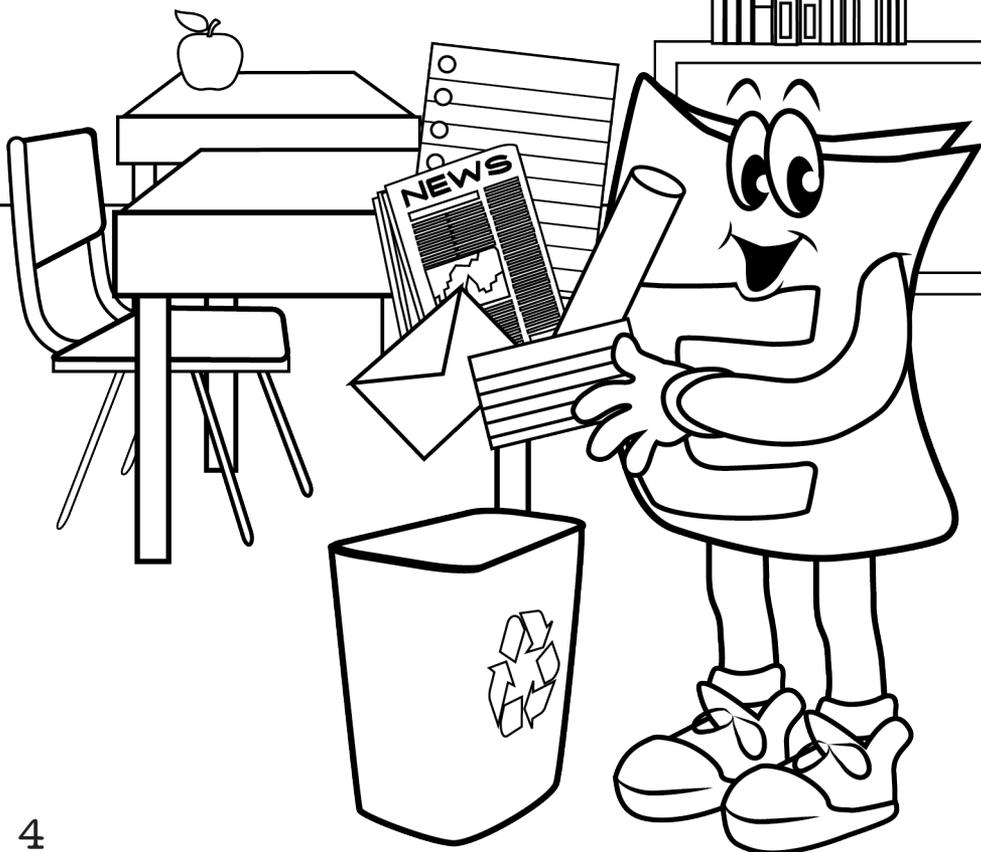
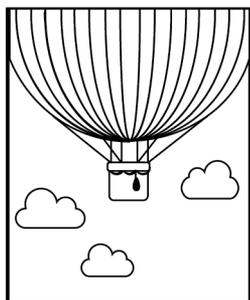
CAN GUY



NEWSPAPER GUY



Recycle  
in school!



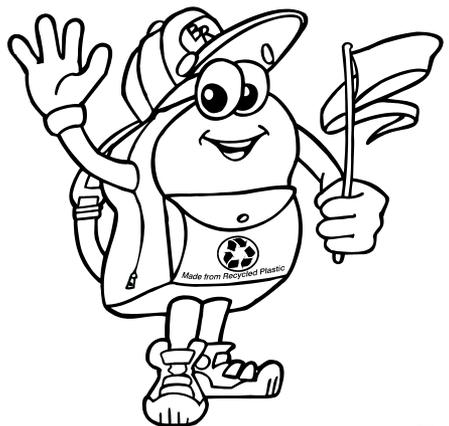
# REDUCE AND REUSE BEFORE YOU RECYCLE!

You can reduce the amount of waste going into landfills and help protect the environment by doing some simple things:

-  Reuse bottles or jars before recycling them!
-  Get crafty! Lots of items can be used creatively or for art. For example, use the backside of old school papers for new drawings.
-  Try taking a reusable bag with you instead of paper or plastic.
-  Take a reusable water bottle with you to reduce your plastic use.

CAN YOU LIST FIVE ITEMS THAT YOU USE  
THAT CAN BE REUSED OR REDUCED?

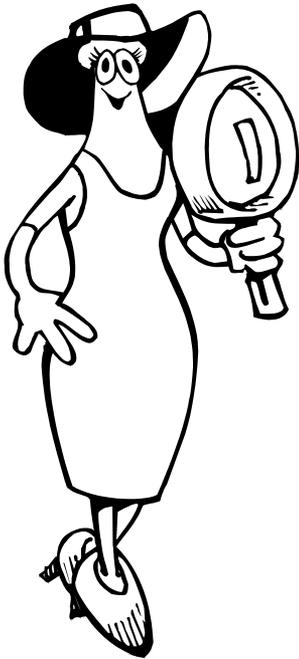
1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_



# WORD SEARCH

Paper is an important resource. Each year North Carolinians throw away enough recyclable paper to fill 1,000 soccer fields three feet deep. See if you can find these recycling words hidden in the letters below!

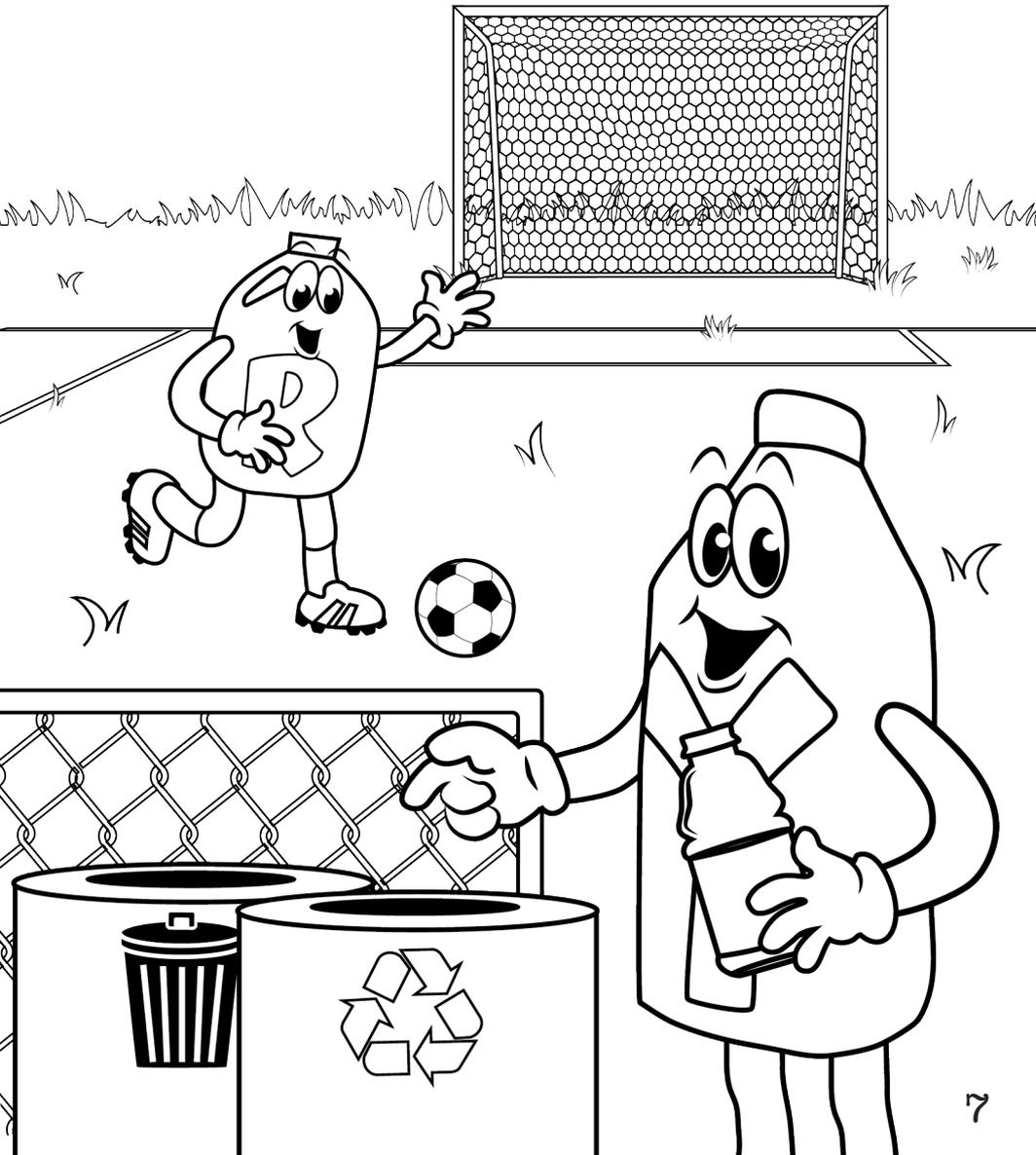
BOX	LANDFILL	PREVENTION	REUSE
CARDBOARD	LITTER	RECOVERY	TRASH
ENVIRONMENT	NEWSPAPER	RECYCLED	TREE
FIBER	PAPER	REDUCE	WASTE
FOREST	POLLUTION	RESOURCES	WOOD



A K R E C O V E R Y M F  
N E W S P A P E R R L I  
L T A S A B O X E E P B  
A I S L P A L N E C R E  
N Q T N E X L C O Y E R  
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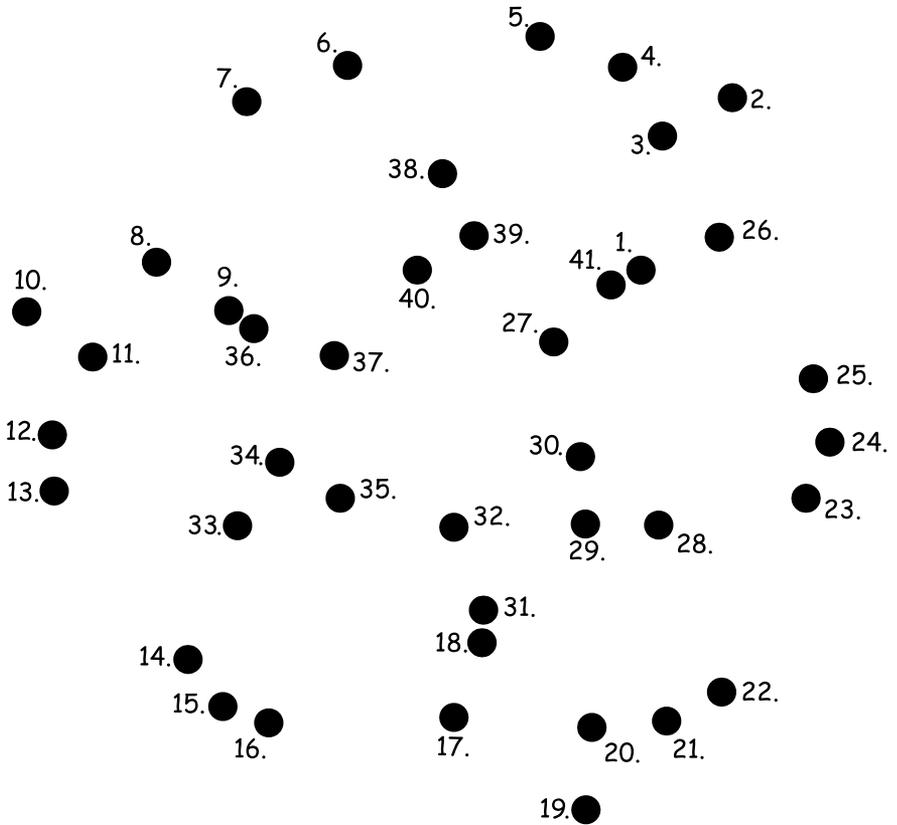
# RECYCLE AT THE PARK!

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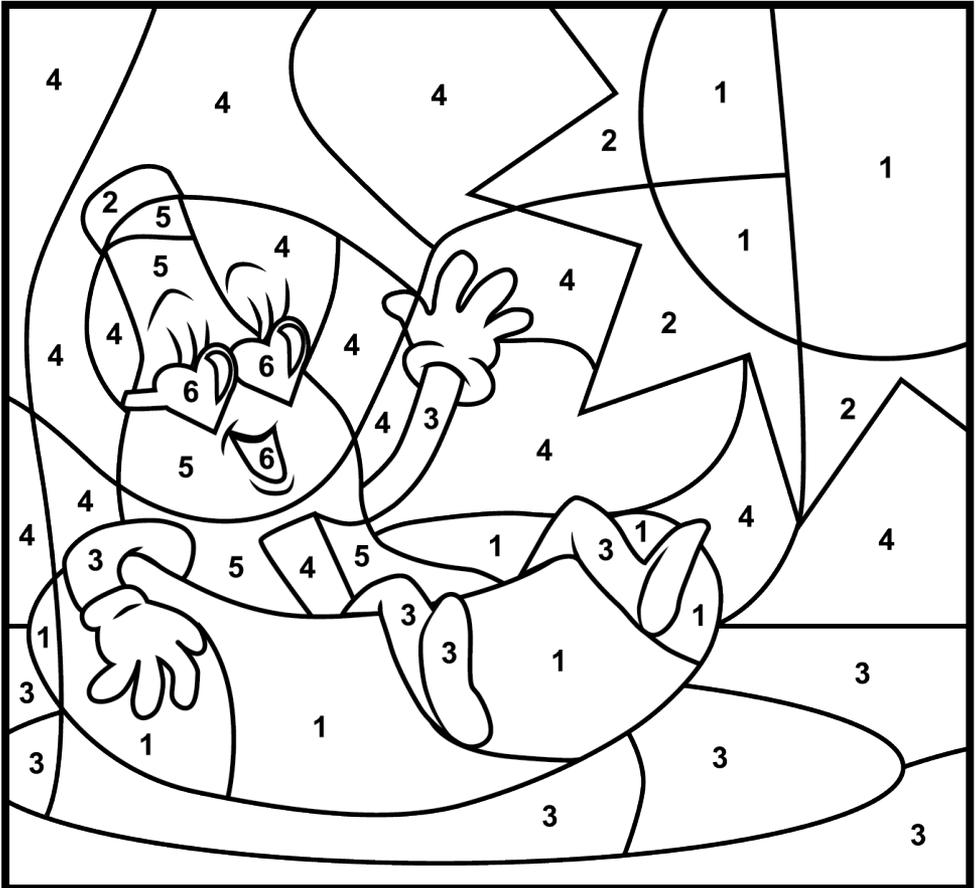
# CONNECT THE DOTS!

Connect the dots and a familiar image will appear!



# COLOR BY THE NUMBER!

Find out who likes to relax by the lake after a day of recycling!



1. YELLOW

3. BLUE

5. GREEN

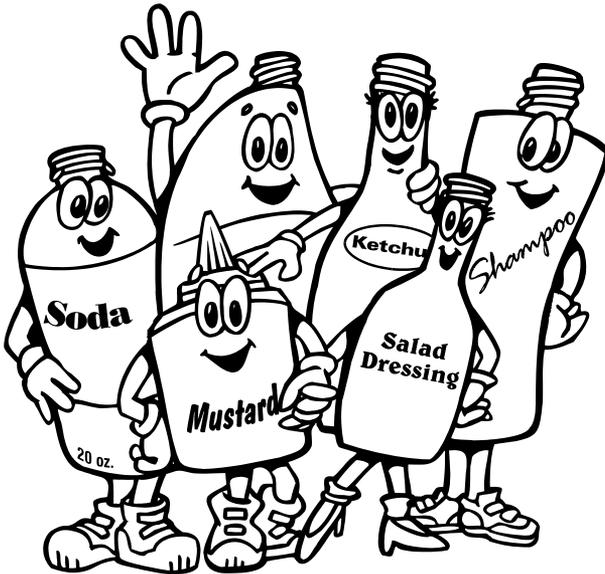
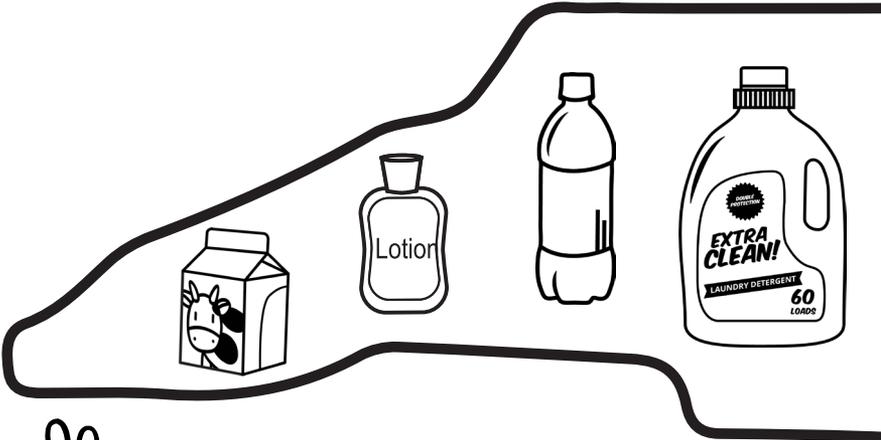
2. RED

4. LIGHT BLUE

6. PURPLE

# PLASTICS R

It is important to recycle your plastic bottles that plastic bottles are often made into the bottle that you recycle helps create jobs and just two more bottles a week, it could

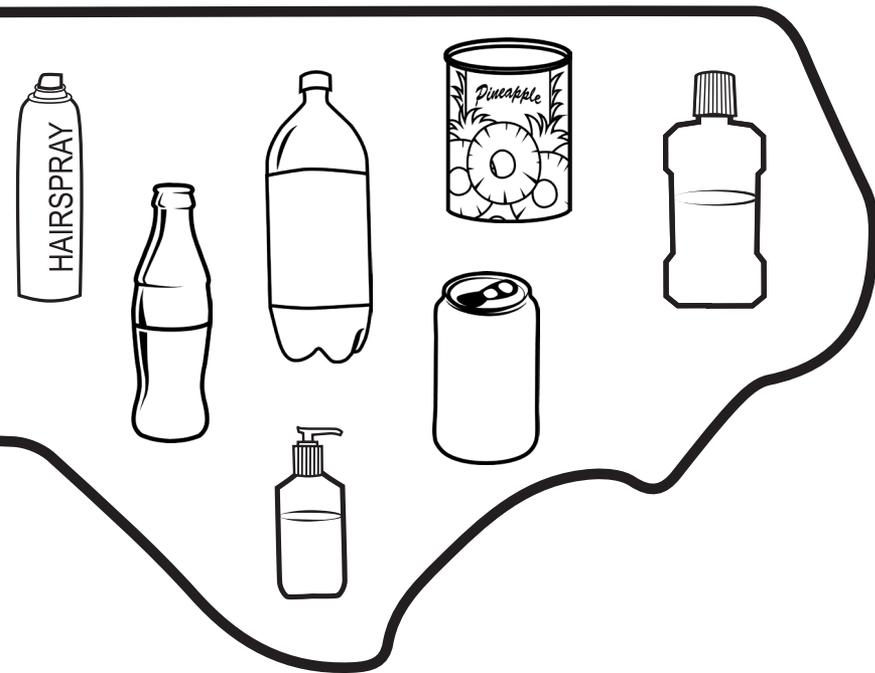


## ACTIVITY

How do you know?  
Just like you, a  
Circle all the y

# RECYCLING

bles here in North Carolina! Did you know  
things like t-shirts and shoes? Every plastic  
ross the state! If every household recycled  
d create more than 300 jobs a year!

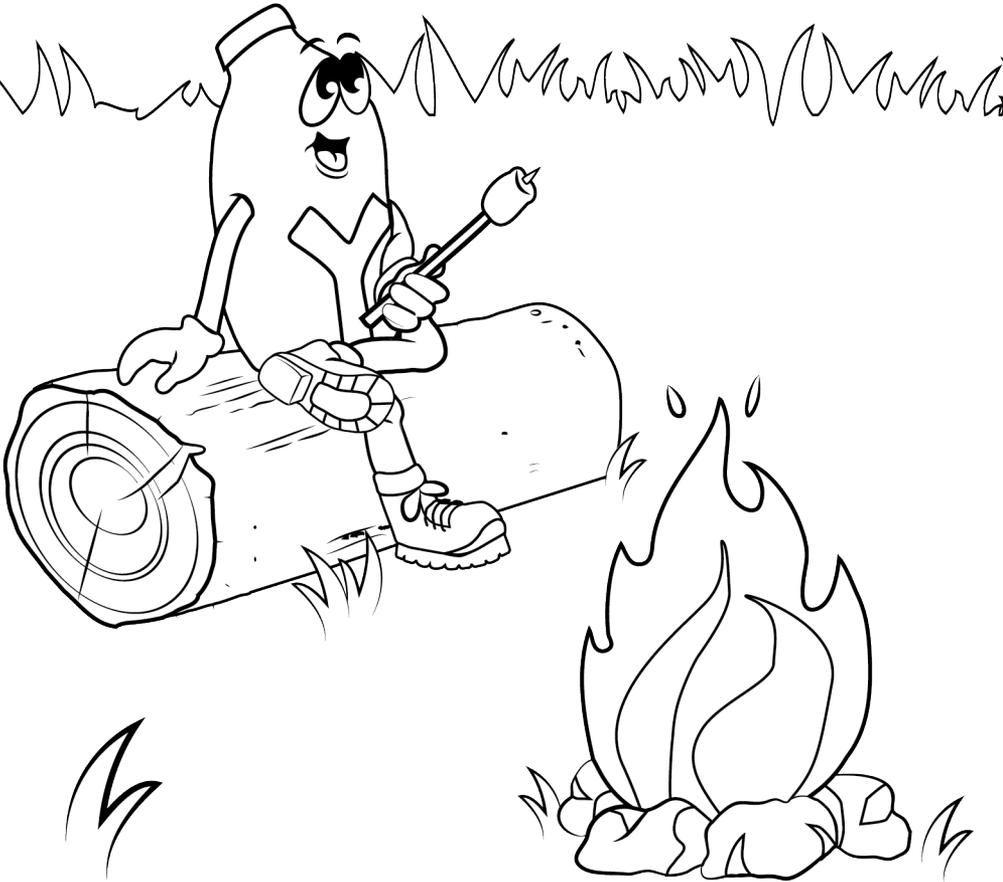


how something is a bottle?  
a bottle has a neck smaller than its body.  
plastic bottles in the coloring page.

# RECYCLING REDUCES LITTER!

Litter is a name for trash that is left out and about in public places. It is a problem for the environment! Make sure that litter goes in the right place. Let's work together to keep our environment clean.

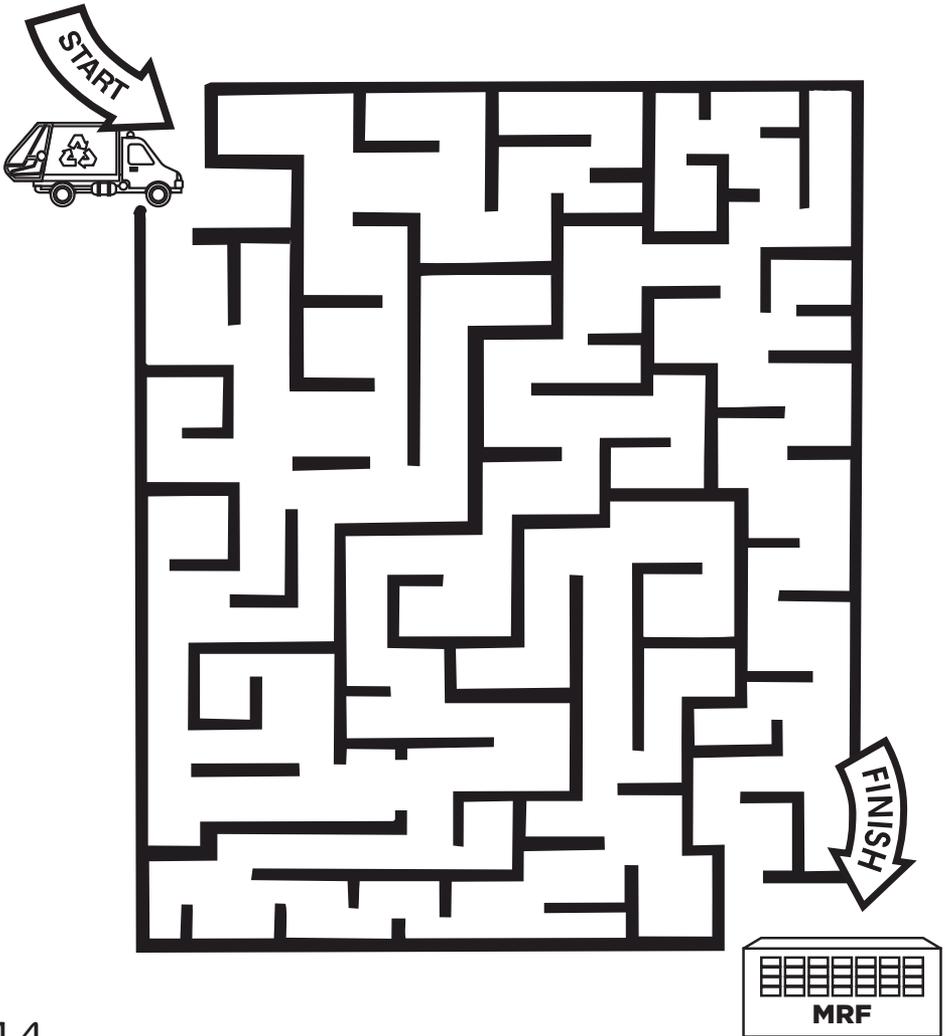
Animals don't like litter either! Can you draw three animals you would find in a park that would appreciate a clean environment?





# WHICH WAY TO THE MATERIAL RECOVERY FACILITY?

Material Recovery Facility or MRF is a fancy name for the place where recyclables go to be sorted into paper, plastic, metal and glass so that they can go on to be made into new things.





# RECYCLE AT HOME!

Home can look different from person to person and so can recycling. If you don't have recycling where you live, you can still collect recyclables and ask a trusted adult to help take it to a recycling center.



# WHAT AM I MADE OUT OF?

Color the objects made from tires yellow.

Color the objects made from paper blue.

Color the objects made from cans red.

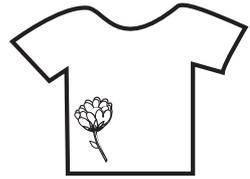
Color the objects made from plastic bottles green.



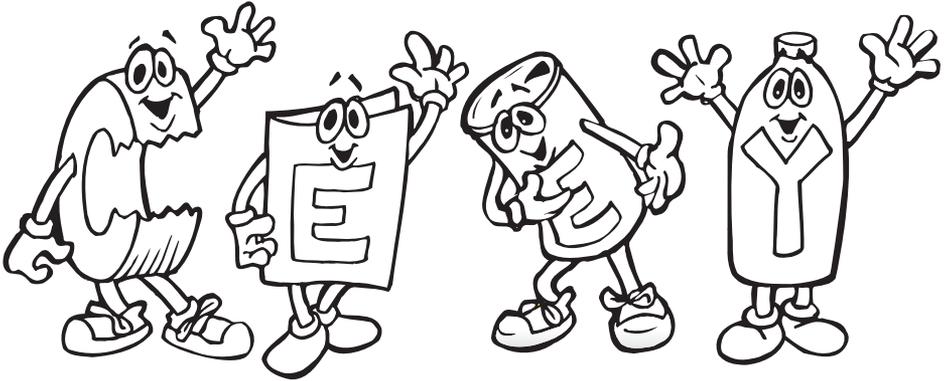
FOIL



NEWSPAPER



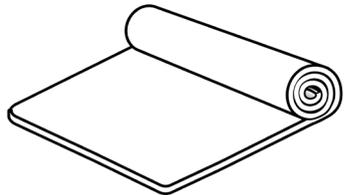
T-SHIRT



PENCILS



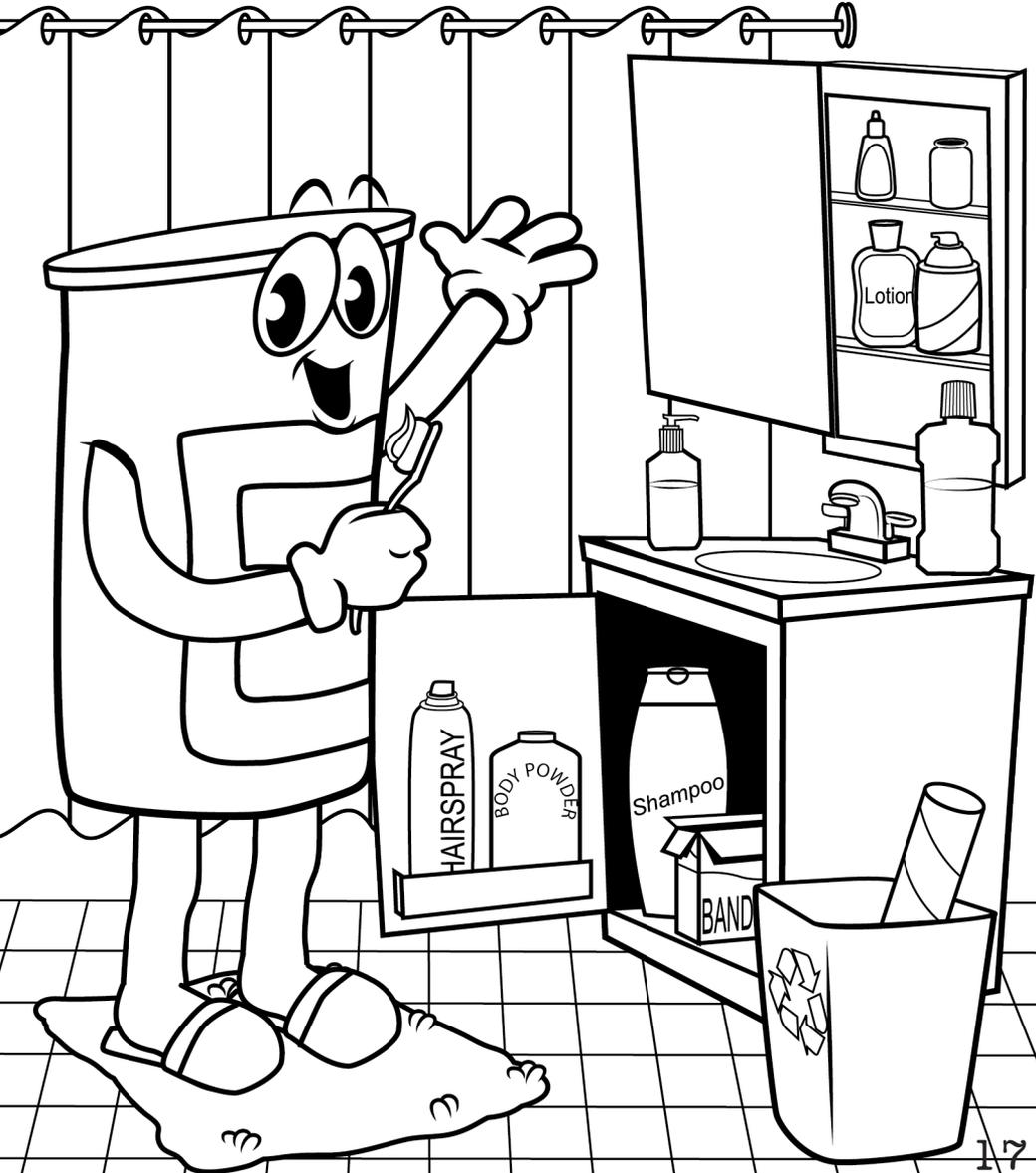
SODA CAN



GYM MAT

# RECYCLE IN THE BATHROOM!

There are lots of recyclable items living in your bathroom like bottles, jars and jugs. Don't forget to place them in the recycling when they are empty.



# JUMBLE!

Can you unscramble the following items found in a recycling container?

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LMKI GUSJ

\_\_\_\_\_

LAMTE NASC

\_\_\_\_\_

BDORAACDR

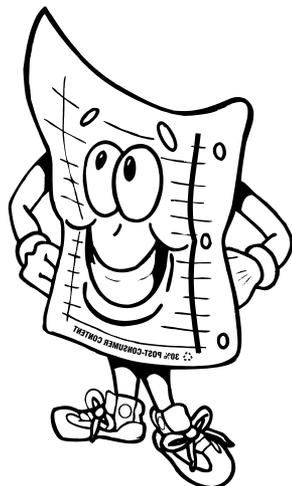
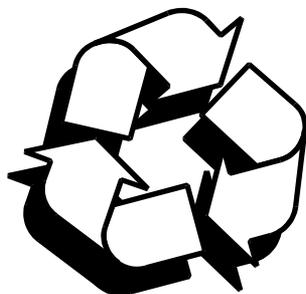
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LEARCE OXESB

\_\_\_\_\_

GSASL

\_\_\_\_\_



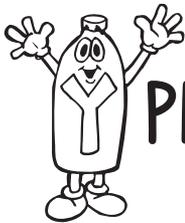
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# EVERYTHING WE RECYCLE COMES FROM THE EARTH!

Recyclable products come from parts of the earth called natural resources. They are made into useable material through industrial processes. Draw a line to match each Recycle Guy with the natural resource they are made from. The industrial process is already in the right place.



**PLASTIC**

**RESOURCE**

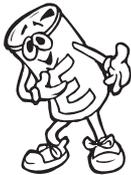


**TREES**

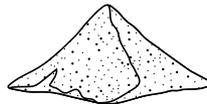
**PROCESS**



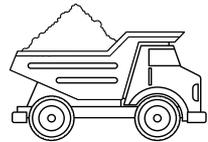
**HARVESTED/CUT DOWN**



**METAL**



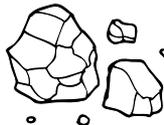
**SAND**



**MINED/HAULED**



**GLASS**



**ROCKS (ORE)**



**MINING**



**PAPER**



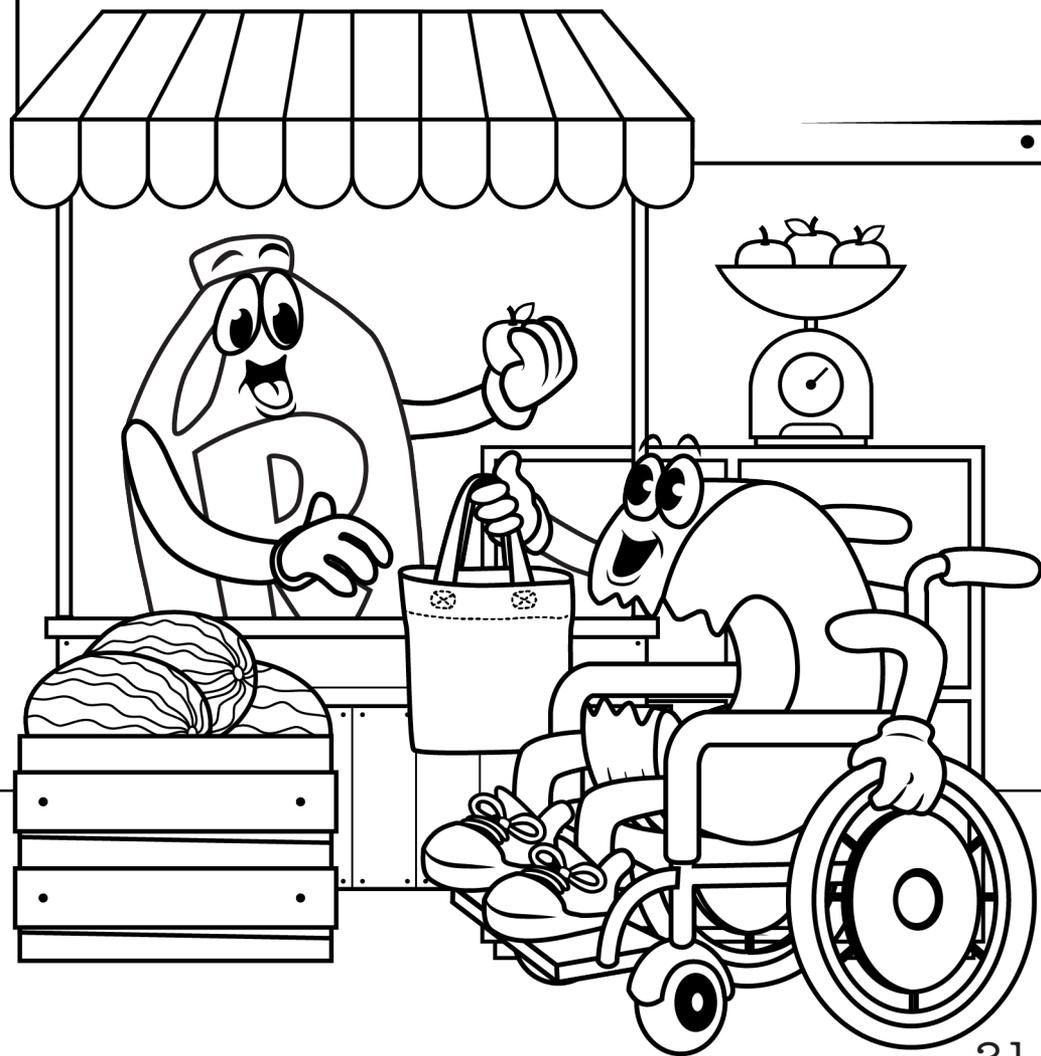
**FOSSILS**



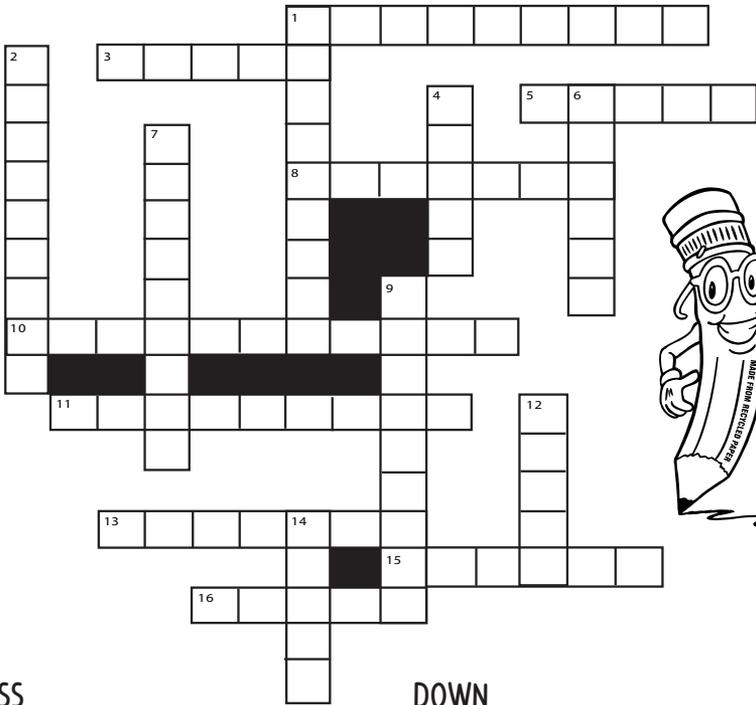
**OIL REFINEMENT**

# BE A PLANET SAVER, NOT A WASTE MAKER!

Many little deeds make a big impact!  
Help reduce waste by bringing your own  
reusable shopping bag.



# CROSSWORD



## ACROSS

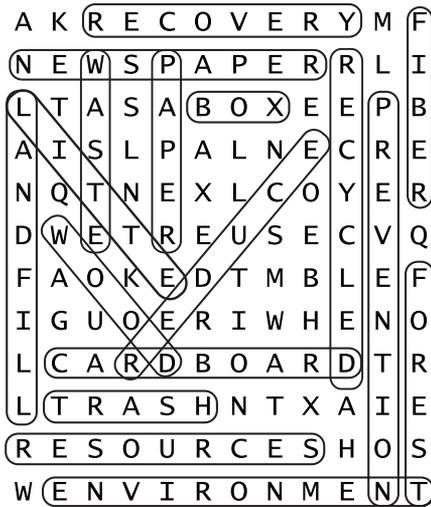
1. 54% of North Carolinians have access to curbside \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Reduce, \_\_\_\_\_, Recycle!
5. Help keep North Carolina \_\_\_\_\_!
8. \_\_\_\_\_ is what you call decaying plant material. It is like recycling with nature!
10. Recycling is good for the \_\_\_\_\_.
11. Recycling can reduce \_\_\_\_\_.
13. Clothing and carpet are types of goods that can be made from recycled \_\_\_\_\_.
15. Save \_\_\_\_\_ by turning off lights when you leave a room.
16. \_\_\_\_\_ is made from sand.

## DOWN

1. \_\_\_\_\_ is when you use less of something.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ are great for powering a phone or toy but should never go in the recycling.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ comes from trees.
6. Don't be a \_\_\_\_\_ bug!
7. This is where most garbage should end up.
9. Recycling conserves natural \_\_\_\_\_.
12. Save \_\_\_\_\_ by turning off the faucet while brushing your teeth.
14. If in doubt, throw it out! If you aren't sure if something should go in the recycling it should go into the \_\_\_\_\_.

# ANSWER KEY

## PAGE #6 WORD SEARCH:



## PAGE #16 WHAT AM I MADE OUT OF:

Tires are recycled into a:  
Gym mat

Paper is recycled into:  
Newspaper and pencils

Cans are recycled into:  
Foil and a soda can

Plastic bottles are recycled into a:  
T-shirt

## PAGE #20 EVERYTHING WE RECYCLE COMES FROM THE EARTH!:

### PAGE #18 JUMBLE:

Bottles

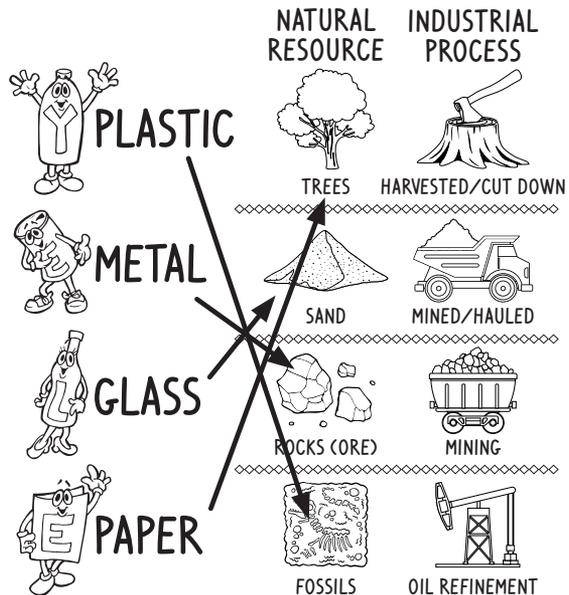
Milk jugs

Metal cans

Cardboard

Cereal boxes

Glass









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