

"I want to start Recycling."

How do I start at home?

Recycle - Separate Your Waste

Pick out and separate the recyclables according to their categories. Then,

- send the recyclables to the nearest Recycling Centre; or
- put them into the recycling bins found in your neighbourhood; or
- put them neatly outside the house for the trash collectors. They will know what to do.

For information on location of recycling bins & collection centres, visit www.gecnet.info.

Reuse Old Things

Instead of throwing them away, try to reuse as much as possible. Donate old clothes and old toys to welfare homes and charity organisations. Plastic bottles can be cut and used as garden pots.

Reduce

Refrain from buying items that are packaged in non-recyclable materials. Don't ask for plastic bags the next time you go shopping. Bring a bag with you.

Rethink

Before you purchase your next item, ask yourself, "Do I really need this item and what do I need it for?" Spend wisely.

Start Composting

Vegetables and fruit peels, used tea leaves, grass clippings and tree trimmings can be composted at home

How do I start at school?

Be a SMART Ranger.

Start a Recycling Programme at your school.

The Global Environment Centre has a Recycling Programme to train students to be SMART (Start Managing All Resources Today) Rangers.

For further information on the programme, please contact the Centre.

Recycling Programme

Which route would you choose?



It's your choice. Do the right thing.

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Do you know?

Every year, in Malaysia

- over 80 million aluminum cans are being used;
- 300,000 kilograms of newspapers are published;
- 28 billion glass bottles and jars are thrown away.

Everyday, Malaysians generate more than 15,000 tonnes of rubbish. This is expected to increase by 2% every year.

This will have a very adverse effect on the environment. If we want to keep our environment clean, we must learn how to manage our wastes.

Let's start the habit of recycling before it is too late!

IMAGINE

If we, Malaysians do not recycle, within 10 days the waste that we produced can fill up a large and tall building like the KL TOWER.



Recycling one glass bottle saves enough energy to light a 100-watt bulb for 4 hours!



What is recycling?



Recycling turns materials that would otherwise become waste into valuable resources and in the process, generates a host of environmental, financial and social benefits.

WHAT CAN BE RECYCLED?

Here are some of the common household waste that can be recycled.



Why recycle?

Saves Natural Resources

Reusing discarded products and using recycled materials to make new products reduces the use of raw virgin materials, which often involves cutting down trees and mining the earth. Every ton of steel produced from recycled materials saves about 1,200 kilograms of iron ore and 450 kilograms of coal.

Saves Energy

Tremendous energy savings come from using recycled materials instead of virgin materials in manufacturing. Using recycled materials means there is no need to spend energy to mine raw materials, transport them to factories and process them.

Saves Landfill Space

Less landfill space is required when we recycle our waste. Finding a suitable landfill site is not easy. There are various social and environmental factors to be considered for e.g. pollution and environmental care. With the enormous amount of waste we throw away each day, we may soon run out of suitable landfill space.



Saves Our Environment

Recycling reduces environmental damage caused by mining, logging and manufacturing raw materials.

Reduces Pollution

Almost all manufacturing processes use and release a lot of water and chemicals, as well as emitting pollutants into the air and the environment. Using recycled instead of raw virgin materials generally cuts down on the manufacturing process and help to reduce pollution.



Saves Disposal Cost

Recycling reduces the amount of waste we need to dispose into landfills. It reduces transportation cost and the cost of setting up more landfills.

Good Business

Recycling saves money for manufacturers and their customers. It is also good for the economy as it helps to create jobs for engineers, general workers, machine specialists, environment personnel and others.

Let's work together for a better world!