SUSTAINABLE AUBURN

REDUCE WASTE AND RECYCLE RIGHT!

Unscramble the words to learn about 4R choices and ways you can protect the environment by reducing waste and recycling right.

4R FACT *75% of the stuff we put in garbage is not really trash. Let's RETHINK our waste!*

TREHIKN _____

Definition: Think again … about what we use and what we do with our stuff when we are done with it.

RCYELCE _____

Definition: Turn something old into something new.

SUREE _____

Definition: Use something again.

POMCOST _____

Definition: Turn old food scraps into fertilizer for plants.

DURECE _____

Definition: Use less stuff.

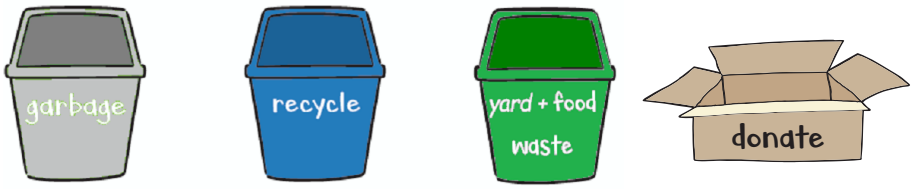
WTSEA _____

Definition: Things we throw away.

SUPER SORTING CHALLENGE

4R FACT *Items must be empty, clean and dry before they are placed in the recycling bin. You can help to RECYCLE right!*

Where should each item go when we no longer need it? Draw a line from each item to the garbage, recycling, yard+food waste container, or the donate box.



Answer Key

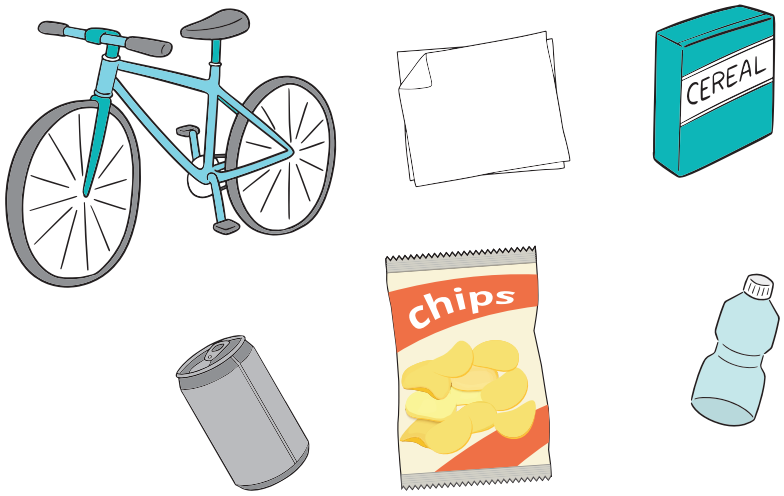
Trash – pet waste, plastic utensils, straw, chip bag, juice box, milk carton; *Recycle* – steel can, water bottle, soda can, paper; *Yard + Food waste* – apple core, banana peel, chicken bones, carrot tops, egg shells; *Donate* – T-shirt, computer

HOW IS OUR STUFF MADE?

4R FACT *All of our stuff is made from materials that come from nature and habitats. We call these materials natural resources.*

What natural resources are used to make these everyday items? Draw a line to match the items on the left to the natural resource used to make it. *Hint: Natural resources can be used more than once.*

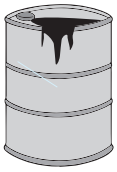
EVERYDAY ITEMS



NATURAL RESOURCES

Trees

Rocks



Oil

Answer Key

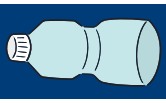
Trees – cereal box, paper; Rocks – bike, aluminum can; Oil – chip bag, plastic bottle

REUSABLE VS. DISPOSABLE

4R FACT *If we choose to REUSE we can REDUCE our waste, save natural resources, and protect habitats for wildlife and people!*

Can you think of a reusable item we could use to replace these disposable products?

***Reusable** – something we can use again and again*



***Disposable** – something we (usually) throw away after one use*

Plastic bag

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Disposable straw

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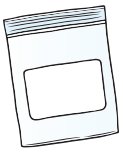

Sandwich bag

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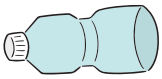

Disposable water bottle

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Single-use ketchup packet

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Disposable spoon

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Paper plate

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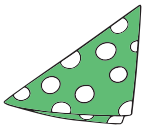

Paper Napkin

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Answer Key

Cloth bag, Reusable water bottle, Dinner plate, Metal straw, Ketchup bottle, Cloth napkin, Reusable container, Metal spoon

TAKE THE 4R PLEDGE!

*In the space below set one goal for each of the 4R's. How can you **RETHINK, REDUCE, REUSE** and **RECYCLE**?*

I PLEDGE TO:

Rethink _____.

Reduce _____.

Reuse _____.

Recycle _____.

SIGNATURE _____

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