

Bin it (correctly)

Understand local recycling and build your own recycling bins

This activity contributes to the following badges:



Beaver Global Issues Activity Badge



Beaver Builder Activity Badge



Scout Environmental Conservation Activity Badge



Scout Creative Challenge Award

Time: 45 minutes

Preparation

Find out what is recyclable in your area by using this [recycling locator](#). Share this information with parents/carers and ask participants to bring along plastics and cardboard that are recyclable in your area.

Equipment

Recyclable items.....
Recycling locator.....
Scissors.....
String.....

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First, discuss what items can and can't be recycled. Remember that some things can be recycled in some areas but not in others. Why do you think recycling is important?

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Leftover materials of the same type can then be recycled into the newly constructed bins. When the bins are full, you can recycle everything, including the bins.

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Split the recycling up into plastics and cardboards. In small groups, build a recycling bin out of one of the materials. Think creatively about how to attach the materials to one another as glue and sellotape aren't recyclable. For example, you could use string or create slots using scissors.

Take it further

Why not do a similar activity at home or school to share what you've learnt with your family and friends.

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Make a sign to put on the front of your bin to tell others what symbols they need to look out for on packaging.



This is the symbol for Recycling. Look out for this on all your packaging.

