

RECYCLING DEFINITIONS



Match the words with their definitions!

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Single-use plastics: _____ 2. Compost: _____ 3. Hazardous Waste: _____ 4. Landfill: _____ 5. Reusable Bottles: _____ 6. Refuse: _____ 7. Natural Resources: _____ 8. Material Recovery Facility: _____ 9. Environment: _____ 10. Reduce: _____ 11. Pollution: _____ 12. Reuse: _____ 13. Contamination: _____ 14. Reusable Bags: _____ 15. Recycle: _____ | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Materials such as minerals, trees, and water that can be used to make products. B. To lessen the amount of waste and pollution we generate. C. The process of taking something old or used and turning it into something new. This reduces our carbon footprint and the amount of resources we need to make new products. D. A plant that sorts all of the recyclables and prepares them for manufacturers. E. The introduction of contaminants into the natural environment. F. The process of decomposing organic matter like yard waste and food scraps to create nutrient-rich soil for your garden. We can divert up to 50% of our waste from the landfill by doing this. G. The act of placing non-recyclable items in with the recycling. It does more harm than good when the wrong things get mixed in with the recycling. It makes sorting much harder and whole loads of recycling can end up in the landfill. H. The natural world we live in which can be impacted by our actions. I. Things like straws, bags, and bottles that are use once and discarded. Even though they are only used for a short time, they last in the environment forever. J. These can be used while shopping to refuse or reduce our need for plastic shopping bags. K. Where we bury our trash in the ground. We have a limited amount of space so it's important that we reduce the amount of waste that goes there. L. Say NO to things we don't need to reduce the amount of waste we generate. M. Use things over and over again instead of throwing them away. N. Waste that can be potentially dangerous to people or the environment. These need to be disposed of safely and properly. O. These are refillable and can be used over and over instead of single-use plastic water bottles. |
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