

# A SECRET MESSAGE ABOUT RECYCLING

Use the word list to complete the sentences. Then, use the highlighted letters to fill in the secret message below!

1. Saying “NO” to things we don’t need is the first and most important “R” to help us avoid unnecessary waste. It stands for  and should be used for things that aren’t recyclable and can only be used once.
2. It’s our responsibility to protect the . It is the natural world we live in and our actions have an impact.
3. We can  our waste and pollution by using both sides of paper, not wasting food, or by riding our bike instead of driving.
4. To  is to use something over and over again instead of throwing it away. Reusable shopping bags and reusable bottles are two great ways to cut down our waste.
5. Things like trees, water, and minerals are . While we use these to make new products, there is a limited supply and we must do what we can to conserve and protect the planet.
6. To  is to convert something old or used into something new. This reduces the amount of resources we need to make new products and is better for the environment.
7. A  is where our trash gets buried in the ground. There is limited space so we need to do what we can to reduce the amount of waste that we generate.
8.  can be potentially harmful to you or the environment. It includes, electronics, chemicals, oil, and paint and should be disposed of properly.
9. When the wrong things get mixed in with the recycling it is called . Check the lid on your recycling cart or visit our website for a list of accepted items. It’s important that we RECYCLE RIGHT, otherwise entire loads of recycling can end up in the landfill.
10. There’s No Excuse for ! Things like plastic straws, bottles, and shopping bags get used once and then last in the environment forever.

## WORD LIST:

REDUCE  
CONTAMINATION  
REUSE  
HAZARDOUS WASTE  
ENVIRONMENT  
SINGLE-USE PLASTICS  
REFUSE  
LANDFILL  
RECYCLE  
NATURAL RESOURCES



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**Don't keep this message a secret! Share what you've learned with your friends and family so we can all do our part and save the planet together!**