

Waste and our world – divert waste at home

These simple activities will make it easy to reduce the amount of black cart waste in your home.

Suitable for ages: Can be adapted for kindergarten to grade 12

Direct Curriculum links:

- Grade 4 Science: Waste and our World
- Grade 6 Science: Evidence and Investigation
- Career and Technology Foundations: Environmental Stewardship

Instructions

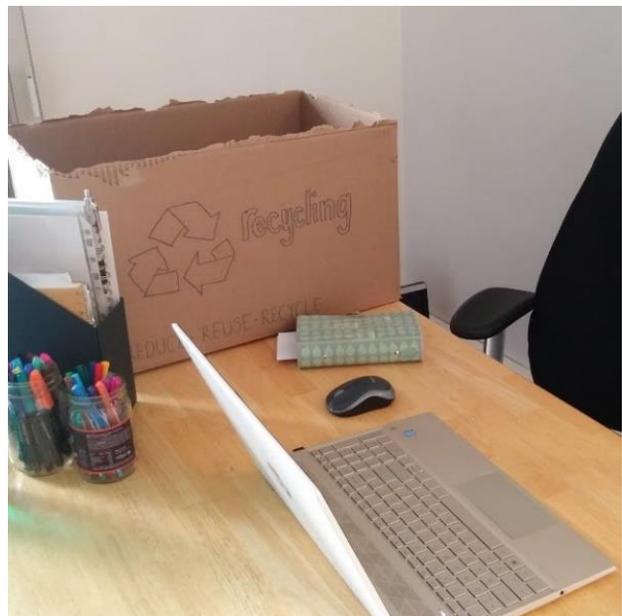
Make your own recycling box

What you will need checklist:

- A large box, preferably recycled
- Pens or paints to decorate your box

Instructions:

1. Get a large box, preferably one that has been used before. This could be a cardboard box used for a delivery.
2. Make sure the box is clean inside
3. Decorate the outside so your family knows that this is a recycling box. You could include a list of pictures of items which can go in the box
4. Place your recycling box somewhere useful – in the kitchen, in the bathroom to collect toilet paper rolls or in an office
5. Remember to empty the recycling into your blue cart once a week



Make a compost catcher bag

What you will need checklist:

- Newspaper
- Flat surface for folding
- Scissors

Instructions:

1. Lay out newspaper on flat surface. Take 3-4 sheets of newspaper and trim into a symmetrical square shape.
2. Take two corners and bring them together to create a triangle shape like this:



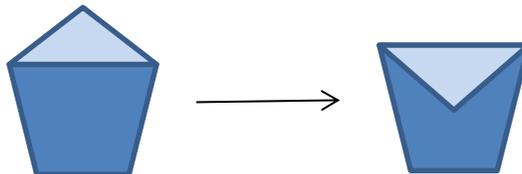
3. Take one of the bottom corners and fold to the starred area. Perform the same fold to the opposite bottom corner.



4. You should end up with a shape like this:



5. Fold back the triangle flaps (coloured light blue above) to lay flat on the outside of the bag. Fold flaps over on both sides.



5. You should now have a bag or pouch that you can place into your kitchen catcher compost bin for your kitchen! Collect food scraps and once full dispose of in your green cart.



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Did you know?

In Calgary, any plastics (recyclable or non-recyclable) that are *smaller* than the palm of your hand are *not* recyclable? These items are designated for your black cart! This includes items such as coffee cup lids, pop bottle lids, or shampoo bottle lids.

Share with us!

We would love to see photos of your low-waste crafts and activities at home. Feel free to tag us or hashtag #GreenCalgary in your social media posts! Find us here:

