

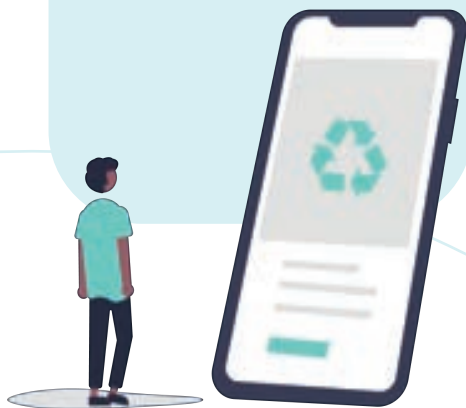
# Green Resolutions

Make some changes in your routine to have a positive impact on the environment with some eco-friendly green resolutions.

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## Look Up What Goes Where

You can play a huge part in reducing recycling contamination and increasing the amount of materials recycled by simply looking up which items are accepted for recycling in your area. Whenever you are unsure what bin an item goes in, look it up, don't assume! And when in doubt, throw it out!



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## Make Eco-Conscious Purchases

An important part of contributing to a circular economy is to choose products that use recycled content. This helps the recycling process come full circle. The other aspect of making eco-conscious purchases is to choose products that are made with easy to recycle packaging.



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## Avoid Contributing to Landfills

Try to keep as much out of landfills as possible by reusing single-use items you would normally throw away, repairing broken items, donating or selling usable furniture, clothes, and housewares, or upcycling worn out items into something new.



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# Recycling Matters



Recycling is the process in which discarded materials are collected, sorted, and processed to be remanufactured into new products.

## Environmental Benefits of Recycling

- 1 Conserves natural resources
- 2 Reduces GHG emissions created in landfills
- 3 Prevents air, water, and land pollution
- 4 Reduces the amount of waste that gets sent to landfill
- 5 Conserves energy needed for collecting new materials

## How You Can Help

- Helping your family or roommates recycle correctly is a great way to help your local program. You can start with finding out what your local program accepts and only adding those items to your recycling bin.
- Another key step to recycling better at home is to always make sure items are empty and clean. Sometimes that means a quick wipe down, dumping out left over food, or rinsing off residue.
- Try to seek out as many alternative recycling opportunities as you can through manufacturer take-back programs and other collections, such as electronics recycling or plastic bag recycling drop-offs found at retail stores.
- You can also support recycling efforts by buying recycled products. That way you are participating in the recycling process beyond what you are putting in your bin.
- You can always upcycle, reuse, repair, donate, or sell items you don't need anymore. Keeping items out of landfill helps reduce our waste, reduce our carbon emissions, and helps to better our environment overall.



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