

History of Recycling (cont.)

A second version of the Blue Bag is the reusable nylon bag; a large box is not ideal for all situations. It would be extremely difficult to collect all the Blue Boxes in an apartment building. Most high-rises use depots to gather recyclables. A nylon bag provides a convenient way to transport material to a building's depot. For smaller households with less people, for example retired couples, a Blue Box may be too large. People in this situation may only fill a box once a month at which time the box may be too awkward or heavy to place at the curb. A bag allows the materials to be carried to the road easily.



Like so many other areas in modern history, recycling seems to be changing at a pace that would have been considered ridiculous just a century ago. Modern recycling is evolving at such a rate that it would require a weekly re-write of this book to keep up with the changes. The important thing to remember is where it all started.

Nature works in cycles. The greatest of the ancient civilizations understood that man did not make the cycles, but was simply a part of them. In a push to evolve, we have forgotten our place. What happens to one portion of a cycle affects all others. Recycling is an attempt to strengthen the Earth's cycle, strained by our wasteful practices.



DID YOU KNOW...
Recycling
one tonne of newspaper
saves seventeen trees!