

## RECYCLE

# Ecotalk

**ABBREVIATION** - a short form, usually only a few letters, that represent a longer word, i.e., PP which means polypropelene.

**ACRONYM** - a word formed form the first letter of several words. The word SCUBA is an acronym for Self Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus.

**BLUE BOX** - a plastic box used to hold recyclable items.

**COLLECTION** - means to gather things. Collection is the part of recycling where your Blue Box is emptied.

**COMMUNICATION** - means getting information to another person or many people. There are many ways of doing this. Talking, writing, television, radio and newspaper are a few examples.

**CONSUMERS** - people who buy things.

**DEPOT** - is a place where people take their recyclable items. Depots are the opposite of a Blue Box. Instead of someone coming to you to collect steel, glass, etc. you take the things to them.

**DIAGRAM** - is a sketch or drawing used to explain how something works or looks.

**EARTH FRIENDLY** - products that are **not** harmful to the earth.

**ENVIRONMENT** - is the air, water and land that surrounds us.

**FACILITY** - a building designed to serve a particular purpose. For instance, a new ice rink would be a sports facility.

**FLOW CHARTS** - a drawing or chart that explains step by step how something happens or works.

**GRAPHICS** - picture, drawings or symbols.

**GREEN** - green is a word sometimes used by manufacturers to describe products that are suppose to be safe for the environment. However, sometimes the products are not safe for the environment.

**LEGISLATION** - are laws made by the government.

**MANUFACTURERS** - are the people or companies who make cars, pots, clothes and all the other things we buy.

**MOBIUS LOOP** - in the 19th Century a German mathematician named August Mobius made a loop by taking a strip of paper, twisting it once and joining the strip's ends. The strip was meant to be a toy

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for children but today it is the symbol for recycling.

**NON-RECYCLABLE** - items that cannot be recycled. (see recycle)

**PACKAGING** - the wrapping around a product, i.e., the box that gum can come in is packaging.

**PEER PRESSURE** - when friends strongly influence other friends to do something. It can be negative or positive, like pressure to smoke or pressure to get good marks.

**RAW MATERIALS** - are the natural resources or recyclable materials used to make things. Trees are the raw material for paper. The trees are cut down and then manufactured. Old glass jars are the raw material for recycled glass jars.

**RECYCLE** - is the third "R". Recycling occurs when people collect and separate a special part of their waste. The part is special because it can be used to make new items. Old steel can be recycled to make new steel cans.

**RECYCLED** - is a word used to describe something that has gone through the recycling process.

**RECYCLING** - when a person uses a Blue Box or depot.

**REMANUFACTURED** - something is remanufactured when it has been made into something else at a factory.

**SEPARATION** - to divide into groups. Recycling companies use separation to remove metals from plastic.

**SYMBOL** - is a drawing or picture. Symbols are used when there is no space for words. Poisons have a triangle and a skeleton as a symbol.

**TERMINOLOGY** - words common to a certain subject. For example, cat's eye part of terminology used in the game of marbles.

**WASTE MANAGEMENT** - what we do with our waste is called waste management. Good waste management helps the Earth.