

2007 WINNING POEMS

RECYCLING IS

Recycling is...
A hungry animal,
eating trash,
then spitting out brand new items.
It is putting an old bottle into a machine
and watching it change into something new.
Recycling is...renewing a soda can,
a bottle
a stack of newspapers.
Breaking down today's trash and turning it into
tomorrow's prized possessions.
It is looking at pictures of endangered animals
and knowing you did the right thing.
Recycling is the future of waste disposal.

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THE 4 W'S

Ever wonder
What to recycle?
Water bottles, cans, crayons,
Paper, aluminum foil,
And glass.

Ever wonder
Why recycle?
To help the World
Of course!

Ever wonder
Who can recycle?
Everyone!

Ever wonder
Where to recycle?
Everywhere!

No matter what, where, who,
And why,
Just recycle,
It's worth a try!

Colleen Seitter, Grade 4
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REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
Three words we need to know
Reduce the garbage, reuse the old,
Recycling's the way to go

There's the easy stuff
Like papers, cans and glass
But more should be recycled
Like what you ask?

From the car
There's tires, fabric and oil
Add these to your list
And the Earth you will not spoil

The steel, concrete and wood from old buildings
Can all be recycled too
It'll help save the forests
I think that's good, don't you?

So before you throw
Anything away
Ask yourself, "Can these be used
As something else someday?"

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RECYCLE....PLEASE!

I finished reading my magazine,
And I drank all my water, too,
With so much garbage all around,
What's a person to do?

I can throw it on the street,
Or I can dump it in the trash,
But these are things I must not do,
For then our earth won't last.

So I must
Recycle,
I must, I must,
If I want to keep
Our earth ripe, and lush

I should recycle,
And YOU should, too,
So our beautiful Earth
Will be beautiful
For generations to come.

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REMEMBER TO RECYCLE: IT SAVES THE WORLD!

Recycling means to use something again.
Always recycle, not just now and then.

There are things to be re-used; here's a little hint:
Magazines and newspapers and anything in print.

Cardboard, aluminum, glass and steel,
These items to be recycled are really ideal.

Each ton of recycled paper saves 17 trees,
And never dump trash in our world's deep blue seas.

Do you know that recycling saves energy and costs?
For every tree we save, we cut down on oxygen loss.

Volunteer in a recycling group to combine work with play.
However you recycle, do it every single day!

Julia C. Brady, Grade 5
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RECYCLE HERE, RECYCLE THERE

Recycle here, recycle there,
I want to recycle everywhere!

It's not so hard - I'll teach you how,
You'd better hurry 'cause we need to start now!

Take used paper, plastic and metal,
Put them in a bin and let it settle.

Later in the day a truck will come,
Pick up the stuff and hey you're done!

Now they'll be used to make new things,
Like hoses, trucks and plastic rings!

Mother Earth is always there for you,
But sometimes big planets need help too!

Recycle here, Recycle there,
Earth needs our help - it's only fair.

Paul Iannelli, Grade 5
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RECYCLE FOR THE WORLD

Say it loud, say it clear,
"Recycle for the World"!
Reduce, Reuse, Recycle again,

A little work now,
Saves us all in the end.
Resources renew,
Resources run out
One makes a difference,
There is no doubt!

Take time to shop for products that boast
Of recycled ingredients that save the most.
You bought it once, used it and then,
Recycled it, now, I buy it again!

A world with resources,
And clean air to breath,
A dream that recycling helps to achieve.

Paper,
Plastic,
Cans, and more.
Recycle now!
The choice is yours!

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SAVE OUR EARTH

To save our earth, there are things we can do
We can recycle old things and make them new

We can be helpful at our age
Reuse an old wire fence and make a cage

With plastic bottles make a bird feeder thing
You can even turn old tires into a swing

Instead of plastic, buy reusable grocery bags
My mom reuses old shirts as polishing rags

When Earth Day comes, plant a tree
We'll make the world better, just you and me

To save our earth, I have this to say
Start living now like it's always Earth Day!

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CLEAN UP TIME

Trash and clutter all around, not a tree in sight,
That's what our world is coming to unless we make things right!

One glass jar not properly disposed,
Takes 4000 years to decompose.

Plastic can be recycled too,
Just rinse and squash, drop it in the bin, that's all you need to do.

Paper, paper, everywhere, gather it up and you'll see,
Recycle all that paper and you just saved a tree.

So, do your part, have a heart, be part of the team.
If we work together we can make our planet clean.

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REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

Did you know.....
Recycling 1 ton of aluminum cans saves
37 barrels of oil
All we care about is the type of soda
We drink

Did you know.....
Each year Americans throw away more
Than 200 million tires
All we care about is what type of car
We have

Did you know.....
A single person uses 4 pounds of
Garbage each day
All we care about is our presents we
Get on holidays

Did you know.....
Every year Americans use 580 pounds of
Paper
All we care about is seeing the comics
In the newspaper

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

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WHY WASTE OUR WASTE?

It's simple but true:
That you can conserve energy;
By converting something old into something new.

A little knowledge will go a long way;
To help protect our environment every single day.

All you have to do is, not throw it away;
Just put it aside for the recycling day.

Separate it, bag it, place it near your trash;
They'll come and get it, for no extra cash.

Newspapers, magazines, bottles and jars;
Plastics, junk mail – Hey! even your car.

Recycling is: collecting, processing and reusing your stuff;
It's a good habit, it's never enough.

So ask yourself, "Do I have to? When do I draw the line?
Well, you don't – Cuz baby,
It's the law and you'll have to pay a fine.

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RECYCLE ME

I am a newspaper,
Once I was a tree,
When you are done reading,
Please recycle me.

I'm a plastic container,
Numbers 1, 2 or 3,
When I am all empty,
Please recycle me.

I am a glass bottle
Filled with iced tea,
When you are done drinking,
Please recycle me.

I am a metal can,
Holding things from A to Z,
Aluminum or steel,
Please recycle me.

I am your Mother Earth,
Don't pollute my land or sea,
Reduce, reuse and recycle,
Please rescue me.

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