SUSTAINABLE AUBURN | REDUCE WASTE AND RECYCLE RIGHT!

Unscramble the words to learn about 4R choices and ways you can protect the environment by reducing waste and recycling right.

TREHIKN _____

Definition: Think again … about what we use and what we do with our stuff when we are done with it.

SUREE _____

Definition: Use something again.

DURECE _____

Definition: Use less stuff.

RCYELCE _____

Definition: Turn something old into something new.

POMCOST _____

Definition: Turn old food scraps into fertilizer for plants.

WTSEA _____

Definition: Things we throw away.

SUPER SORTING CHALLENGE

Where should each item go when we no longer need it? Draw a line from each item to the garbage, recycling, yard+food waste container, or the donate box.
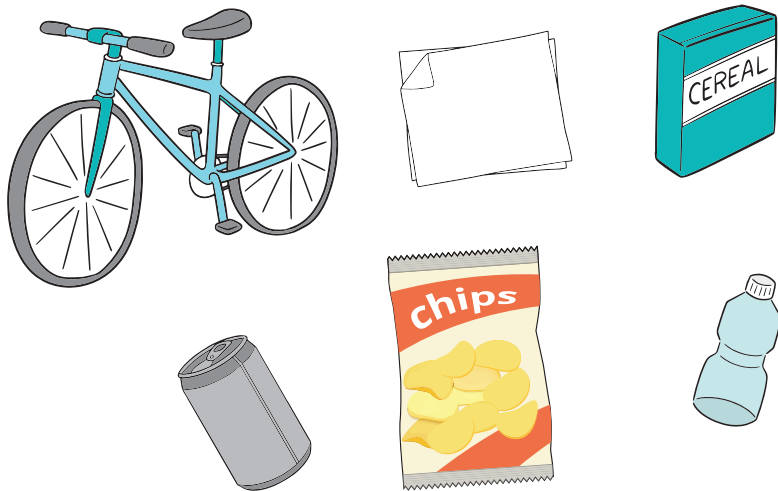
pet waste

chips

Juice

MILK

garbage   recycle   yard + food waste   donate

Answer Key

Trash — pet waste, plastic utensils, straw, chip bag, juice box, milk carton; *Recycle* — steel can, water bottle, soda can, paper; *Yard + Food waste* — apple core, banana peel, chicken bones, carrot tops, egg shells; *Donate* — T-shirt, computer

HOW IS OUR STUFF MADE?

What natural resources are used to make these everyday items? Draw a line to match the items on the left to the natural resource used to make it. *Hint: Natural resources can be used more than once.*
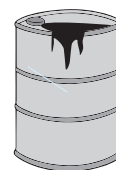
EVERYDAY ITEMS

NATURAL RESOURCES

Trees

Rocks

Oil

Answer Key

Trees – cereal box, paper; Rocks – bike, aluminum can; Oil – chip bag, plastic bottle

REUSABLE VS. DISPOSABLE

Can you think of a reusable item we could use to replace these disposable products?

Reusable – something we can use again and again

Disposable – something we (usually) throw away after one use
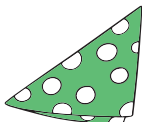
Plastic bag
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Disposable straw
_____

Sandwich bag
_____

Disposable water bottle
_____

Single-use ketchup packet
_____

Disposable spoon
_____

Paper plate
_____

Paper Napkin
_____

Answer Key

Cloth bag, Reusable water bottle, Dinner plate, Metal straw, ketchup bottle, Cloth napkin, Reusable container, Metal spoon

TAKE THE 4R PLEDGE!

In the space below set one goal for each of the 4R's. How can you **RETHINK, REDUCE, REUSE** and **RECYCLE**?

I PLEDGE TO:

Rethink _____.

Reduce _____.

Reuse _____.

Recycle _____.

SIGNATURE _____

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