

WHEEL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q: When does the plastic bag ban go into effect?

A: May 4, 2022

Q: Can shredded paper be placed in your recycling bin?

A: No, shredded paper from home can be thrown in regular trash or used for composting.

Q: In New Jersey, who is supposed to recycle?

A: Everyone, it's the law.

Q: Do you know what Recycle Coach is?

A: Recycle Coach is a free educational app that communities can sign up for and opt into, to show residents what is recyclable in their respected municipalities.

Q: What type of bag should you use while shopping?

A: A reusable bag

Q: Can you recycle greasy pizza boxes?

A: No, Pizza boxes are made from corrugated cardboard, however the cardboard becomes soiled with grease, cheese, and other foods once the pizza has been placed in the box. Once soiled, the paper cannot be recycled because the paper fibers will not be able to be separated from the oils during the pulping process.

Q: What # plastics should I put in my recycling bin?

A: # 1 and # 2 plastics. You can find the number in a triangle symbol located on bottom of plastic.

Q: True or False: This container is ready for recycling? (Dirty peanut butter jar)

A: False – containers should be cleaned out, so they do not contaminate the recyclables.

Q: True or False: Plastic bags are not accepted in the recycling bin?

A: True, plastic bags do not go into the recycling bin. They clog the machinery at the recycling center which costs money to fix and lost time.

Q: True or False: Paper towels go into the recycling bin?

A: No, they go into the regular trash.

Q: True or False: Recycling means changing old materials into new products?

A: True. Glass, paper, plastic, and metals such as aluminum and steel are all commonly recycled.

Q: True or False: 100,000 marine animals are killed each year as a result of plastic bag pollution?

A: True. This includes whales, dolphins, porpoises, seals and sea lions that ingest or get tangled in the plastic.

Q: On average, how long is a plastic bag used by a person before being thrown away?

A: 12 minutes

Q: Recycling paper can save which natural resource? Trees, Coal, Oil, Air

A: Trees

Q: Plastic is made from which natural resource? Trees, Metals, Oil, Sand

A: Oil

Q: What is one way you can choose to reuse?

A: Reuse bags, jars, coffee cup, straws etc.

Q: How long does it take for a plastic bottle to decompose?

A: 450 years. Different kinds of plastic can degrade at different times, but the average time for a plastic bottle to completely degrade is at least 450 years.

Q: How long does it take a cigarette butt to decompose?

A: 10 years

Q: The average American family uses how many Ziploc bags a year?

A: 500

Q: What are the three R's?

A: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Q: Enough plastic is thrown away each year to circle the Earth _____ times?

A: 4 times

Q: It takes one plastic bottle up to _____ years to degrade in a landfill?

A: 1000 years

Q: A used aluminum can can be recycled and back on the grocery shelf as a new can in as fast as ___ Days?

A: 60 Days