

Hey, Bill. Whatcha got there?

Are you digging in your trash?

I'm not digging in the trash, silly. I'm putting stuff out for recycling.



What is that and why are you doing it?

Recycling helps the environment. It also helps save money on the things we buy. My school visited a recycling center and I learned a lot about why it's important.



That sounds great! What can I do?



All kinds of things. There is a whole list on the back page of this newsletter! And when you make a deposit in your **DFCU Financial** account, you'll get a reusable straw that changes color.

A lot of common household items and office supply products contain recycled materials including paper towels, steel cans, plastics, soft drink containers, laundry detergent, bottles, aluminum...even clothing!



Reduce, Reuse Recycle 13 Rs' o Going Green. Here is some helpful advice to get started.

reduce Here's a mind-boggling fact! If all the people on Earth used as much "stuff" as we do in the United States, there would need to be 3 to 5 times more space just to hold everything! So, buy only what you heed and use all of what you buy! Buy things that are packaged in containers that can be recycled. When hiking or riding bikes, use a reusable sports bottle instead of

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Most schools and communities have recycling programs. Check to see what items are accepted and how to donate them. You'd be amazed at what can be done with recycled products. Recycled denim jeans can be made into ink pens! plastic pop bottles can become T-shirts or combs! The paper from an old coloring book may be part of Your School books! Some communities provide recycling bins and collect the materials on trash day.

The best things to reuse are plastic storage bags. It may not be as convenient silverware, cups, plates, and food as tossing them in the trash, but it goes a long way to help save our environment. of some of those old toys? Outgrown some clothes or shoes? If you can't pass them down to someone in your family help plan a garage sale. Someone will be happy to buy your stuff, and you can deposit the money into your DFCU Financial account!

If we all take a little time and effort, we can do great things to help save our planeri



### WHAT YOU WILL NEED:

- Tracing paper
- Parchment paper
- Wax paper (different from parchment paper)
- Oil pastels (a little like crayons but totally different results)
- Crayons
- Colored pencils
- Clipboard

Leaves! Larger leaves are great and a variety of shapes will yield some nice results!



## **DIRECTIONS**



Place the leaf on a clipboard (it helps to hold everything in place as you create your prints).



Cover the leaf with each type of paper you're using for the activity.



Slowly, use each medium (crayons, colored pencils and oil pastels) and rub it over the top of the paper to see the outline and details of the leaf.

You can also use all three drawing tools (crayons, oil pastels, and colored pencils) on one piece of paper to create a more layered leaf collage!

Wax paper has a glossy surface and the oil pastel complements it nicely. It really looks like a 'wet' print when you're finished. Tracing paper is very thin so pencil is a good choice for this type of paper.

With colored pencils, you only need to apply light pressure as you rub the side of the tip across the paper. If you push too hard, the pencil will rip the paper.

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# Recycling and Sustainability Tips for Kids

#### 1. Show that recycling is important for you -

Children tend to replicate what their parents do, so when your child watches you look for the recycling symbols on bins at home, they are most likely to absorb that interest in behavior.

Show them that you are adequately using your recycling system at home.

- **2. Encourage with every action** Even if your child mixes it up or gets it wrong, encourage and congratulate them for using the recycling station in the first place. It may take some time, so be patient.
- **3.** Remember the basics when it comes to recycling around the home The basics are simple paper, cardboard, plastics, glass, and tin cans.

There are numerous little tricks that make the final process simple, such as cleaning out the jars, or understanding the difference between soft and hard plastic and what to do with each. Jump on your local city's website and find out what can and cannot be recycled.

- **4.** Create a simple recycling system/area in your house that is always accessible Keep your recycling system in a safe and easy place for kids to access. This will allow them to remain focused on recycling and be reminded to do so.
- **5. Make your recycling station more visually appealing** Cut some pictures from old magazines paper, cardboard, plastics, tin cans, and glass that go into the recycling bin and glue them to your recycling system.

Having your child help with this process will give them a greater sense of responsibility as it's something that they have created with you.

**6. Take simple steps to reduce your household waste** – Create your very own compost pile or worm
farm to eat through all your kitchen scraps. This is such
an easy thing to do and such a fun process for children.

Kitchen scraps are also perfect for fertilizing soil in your

compost system, or for feeding your worms, so remember not to dispose of them.



Hurry into your local **DFCU Financial** branch because everyone will want to drink with these reusable, color changing straws. Deposit \$5 in your account to receive! Coupon good while supplies last so deposit yours today!

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