

Daily Challenge Week 2 Day 4 Recycling - Stop buying 'stuff'!

Essex County Council have temporarily stopped recycling collections because they have had to prioritise their services to support the fight against the Covid-19 virus. Therefore, we will all have recycling piling up. It is very, very important that we make sure we do not put items for recycling in the black household waste bags.

WHY IS RECYCLING SO IMPORTANT?

Recycling is important because waste has a huge negative impact on the environment. When rubbish is chucked into a general bin it is taken to landfill. Harmful chemicals and greenhouse gasses are released from the rubbish in landfill sites. Recycling helps to reduce the pollution caused by waste.

Plastic recycling is especially important because plastic takes centuries to break down in landfill or in the ocean where it can be very damaging to marine animals, birds and fish.

Watch this video to find out more:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/48718350>

1. Have a look round your house. Can you find something your family recently bought? What packaging did it come in? Was there unnecessary packaging? What material was it?
2. Look at your toys. Think about all the packaging they would have been in. How much space do you estimate it would take up if you piled all your toys' packaging in one room?
3. How many toys do you have that you haven't used much? Could you have done without them? Will you think more carefully before buying 'stuff' in the future?
4. With your parent/carer's permission, have a look through your recycling and find 5 items that you could use to make something with. If you can find a can or card roll, it's a great starting point for a bumble bee! You may need to wear gloves and wash the items thoroughly before starting.

