King County Green Schools Program



Waste Reduction and Recycling



Today we will become experts in waste reduction and recycling to understand:

- Why we recycle
- How to recycle
- Actions we can take to improve recycling

Why we recycle







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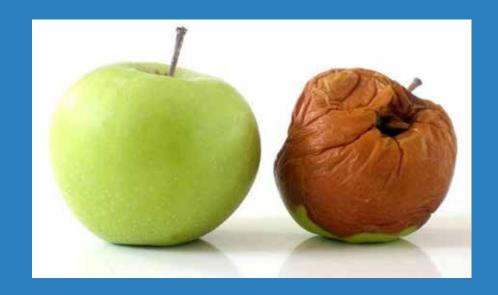


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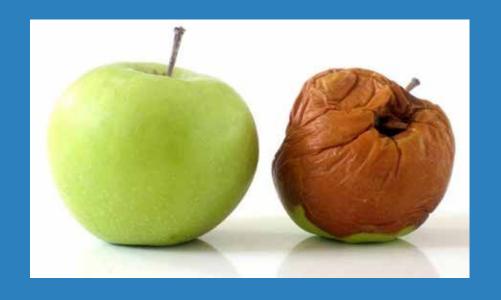
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How to recycle... Sort it out!





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Garbage











Foam containers

















Tissues



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Recycle

















Newspapers



Cardboard

Catalogs, magazines







Milk cartons

Juice boxes

Metal cans

Plastic bottles, cups, cereal bowls

Paper coffee cups





No liquids or food Remove foil from juice cups





No caps or straws!



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Food scraps + other compostable materials



NO foam

NO plastic

NO glass

NO straws **NO** tissues

NO metal



Paper towels, napkins, pizza boxes, paper bags, other food-soiled paper



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Actions we can take to improve recycling







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