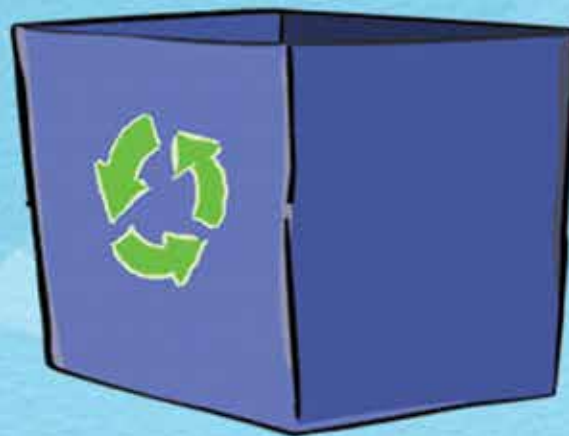




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Sand is dug out of the earth to make glass bottles.



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A rock called bauxite is dug out of the earth to make aluminum cans.



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Coal, oil and limestone are dug out of the earth to make Plastic bottles.



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Trees are cut down to make Paper.



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A lot of your **garbage** can be used to make new things. This is called recycling.

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You can even recycle your food **waste**. When you recycle your food waste, it's called **composting**.

waste: waste is what gets thrown away after you are done with something.

composting: compost is a mixture of rotting plants, vegetables and fruit that is good for the soil.

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What happens after you **decide** to recycle your **garbage** ? It goes from the recycling **container** at your house, to a **trash bin**, if you live in an apartment, and then to the recycling truck which brings it to a recycling center.

decide: when you decide, you think about something and then make up your mind.

garbage: garbage is anything that you throw away.

container: a container is something that holds something else.

trash bin: a trash bin is a big metal box for sorting trash before the garbage or recycling truck takes it away.



The recycling **material** is put on a conveyor belt and **separated** in lots of different ways.

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separated: when you separate things, you take some things away from others.

One way to separate the tin cans is with a giant magnet that pulls them off the belt.



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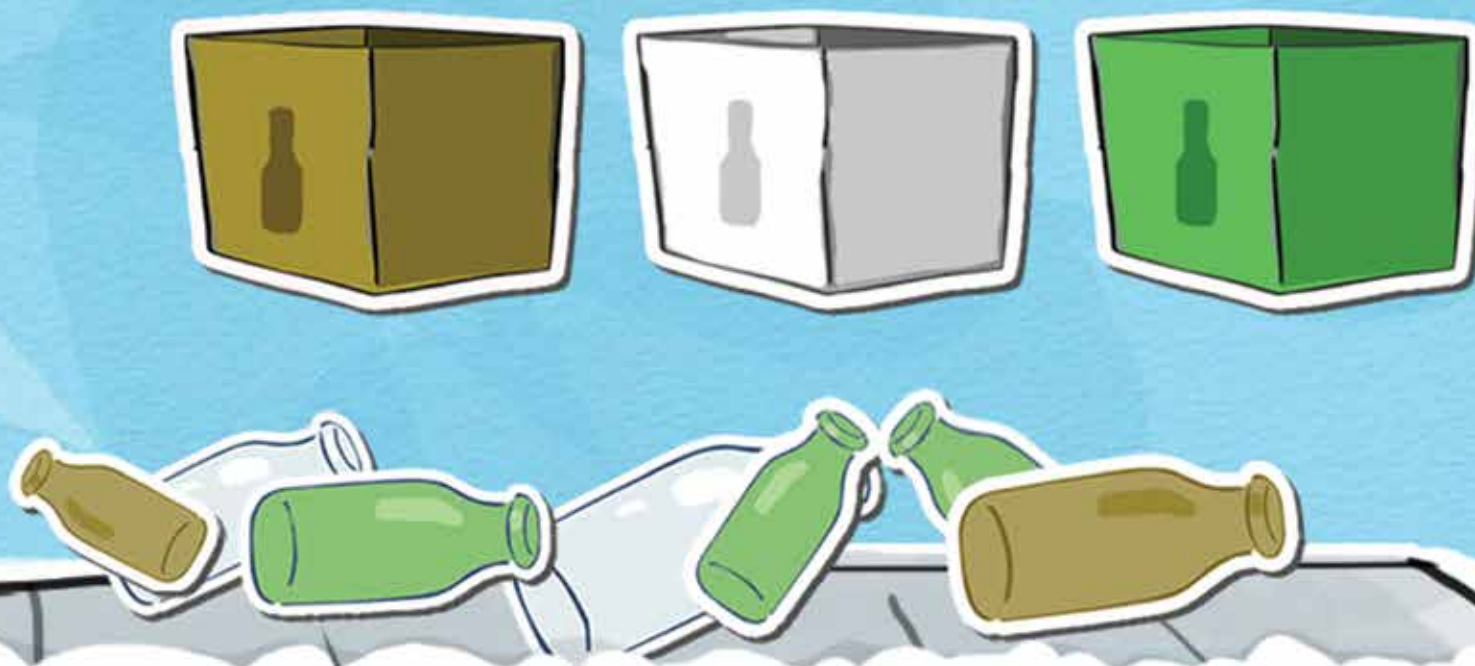
Sometimes plastic is blown off into another bin.



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Glass is made into new glass jars and bottles.



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Tin cans are made into new cans.



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Some types of plastic are made into fabric to make blankets, sweaters and even socks!



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Paper and cardboard can be turned into newspapers, book covers or even toilet paper.



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