



# WHAT YOU CAN DO

## REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

Match each of the 3 R's with its definition. Write Reduce, Reuse, or Recycle above the correct answer.

Using something again instead of throwing it away

Buying products that are not disposable or excessively packaged

Recovering resources from trash to make new products

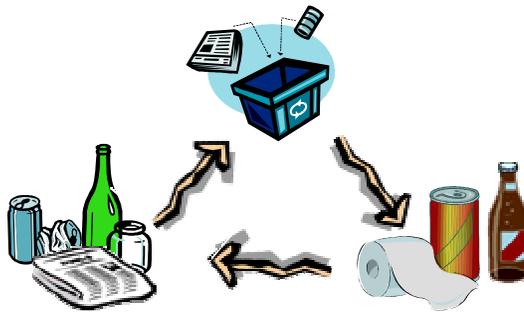
You can do lots of things at home to practice the 3 R's and to conserve resources. Here are some suggestions. **Can you think of others?**



- Recycle your old newspapers, glass or plastic bottles, and steel cans.
- Trade or give away your old comic books or magazines.
- Give away old clothes or toys that you have outgrown or no longer want.
- Use plates and cloth napkins that can be washed instead of paper towels and paper plates.
- Use an orange juice container or steel can to make a pencil holder.
- Create a bank from an old margarine tub or similar container.
- Save leaves and grass clippings to make a compost pile.



Recycling one glass bottle saves enough electricity to light a 100-watt bulb for four hours.



Recycling creates jobs, decreases pollution, saves energy, and conserves natural resources!

You can help reduce litter and increase recycling by taking your returnable bottles and cans back to the store as part of the Michigan beverage container deposit law. Over 200,000 tons of beverage containers each year don't end up as litter or trash because of the deposit law. That weighs as much as 20,100 yellow school busses or every school bus used in Michigan.



## RECYCLE YOUR COMPUTER!

Electronic waste is one of the fastest growing types of trash. Computers, televisions, cell phones, and batteries have toxic materials. Donating, reusing, or recycling your electronic waste helps to protect the environment.



## WHAT ABOUT FOOD?

Food waste is one of the recyclable materials most often thrown away. In fact, over 15 percent of all trash is uneaten food. One way to recycle food waste is by composting. Composting is the process of turning organic waste into humus. Humus is part of soil and is good for your garden. **Can you think of other ways to recycle or reuse food?**



Color The Composting Worm!