

Recycling activity

You will need

3 different coloured bins or large containers.

Large labels for each container: METAL, PLASTIC and PAPER

A selection of materials suitable for re-cycling, e.g.

Metal	– tin cans or drinks cans
Plastic	– milk cartons
Paper	– newspapers or waste paper

Instructions

Prior to this activity split the class into three groups. Each group is nominated to bring in a certain type of recycling material (i.e. metal, plastic or paper). One piece each should be sufficient.

An area should be prepared in the classroom where all the rubbish can be placed. Preferably somewhere close to the recycling containers.

The rubbish should then all be “dumped” in this area. This will reinforce the mess rubbish makes and that it should also be tidied away and recycled if possible.

The children should take turns to select a piece of rubbish and tell the class what they think it is made from and therefore which recycling container it should be placed into.

TIP!

This activity will give the opportunity to discuss with the children what different objects are made from.