

Be a Good eNeighbor

Recycling electronic devices that are broken or are no longer used is called recycling. Computers, keyboards, TVs, mobile devices, and tablets are just a few examples. Here are some reasons why you should not just throw your old electronics or their packaging away.

- Products destined to be electronic waste (or e-waste) are often made from non-renewable resources.
- E-waste can be hazardous to the environment. Handled the wrong way, e-waste can contaminate the soil, ground water, and streams. The process of responsible recycling protects Earth's natural resources, including humans and animals, from the effects of this harmful pollution.
- The materials generated by recycling are still useful. Centers devoted to recycling collect e-waste from the public and recycle the parts in many different ways.



- Most packaging for electronics can be recycled in your cart or bin at curbside and can be turned into new packaging or products. Look for the recycling symbol (shown at left) on boxes, protective inserts, plastic film, etc., and follow your local recycling instructions.

Take eAction! Follow your teacher's directions to compile a class list of 10 reasons to recycle. Then create a letter, poster, video, text, tweet, song, poem, or other communication method to tell your family or community members about recycling and why it is important.

This is a great opportunity to link in to your class or school blog or Twitter account to tap into the power of social media! Take selfies of your recycling efforts at home or at school that your teacher can post, along with participating in a class Twitter account at #GreenerGadgets if your teacher directs it. You can also encourage your parents to post pictures of your family's recycling actions on their social media accounts.

Use the space below, plus additional paper or your computer if needed, to create a draft of your presentation.



Here's my idea:

It's easy to recycle! Visit GreenerGadgets.org to find a responsible electronics recycler near you!