

Plastic Bottle Recycling Adventure

Have you ever wondered what happens to a plastic bottle once you decide to recycle it? The bottle goes on a great adventure. Let's follow along! **Trace the arrows with a pencil, crayon or marker and color each step.**

Recycling Centers are called Materials Recovery Facilities (MRF), a place where mixed recyclables are sorted and prepared for processing.



STEP 1
So, you've finished using your plastic drink bottle... what happens next on your recycling adventure?

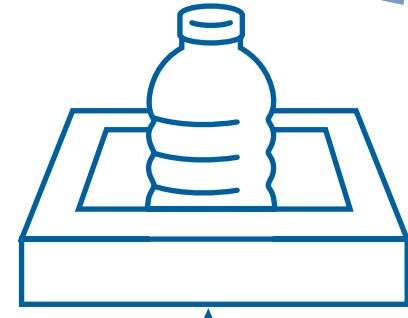


STEP 2
If you said, "Put it into the recycling bin!"—you're right on track! But wait, first give that bottle a quick rinse and, if you can, crush it to save space. Crunch!

To recycle properly items must be empty and clean. Dirty items can't be used again.



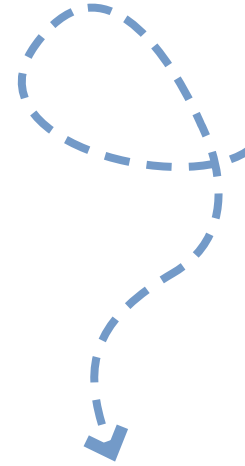
STEP 3
Now place your clean bottle straight into the recycling bin. And remember—never bag your recyclables.



STEP 6
The plastic bottles get washed and shredded into tiny little pieces.



STEP 4
Here comes the recycling truck! It picks up your bottle and other recyclables and takes them off to a recycling center for the next big step.



STEP 5
At the recycling center, the bottle gets sorted from other recyclables like paper and tin cans.

STEP 7
Those tiny pieces are melted into pellets and turned into brand-new things—like bottles, clothes, and more! How amazing is that?
Way to go, recycling heroes—you just saved the day!