



Why recycle?

Recycling saves trees:

The more paper we recycle, the fewer trees have to be cut down to make new paper. Trees are beautiful to look at, provide places for animals to live, and help us have clean air. It's important to protect them and we can do this by recycling paper.

Recycling saves landfill space:

All the garbage people make gets buried in a big hole in the ground called a landfill. Because there are so many people in California, all the landfills are getting full, and there isn't a lot of space for new ones. When you recycle paper, cans, and bottles, they get made into something else and are used again. When you throw them away, they just get buried in the ground.

Recycling saves money:

The cans, bottles, and papers that you recycle do not go into the garbage. Because our school pays to have the garbage picked up and taken away, having less garbage saves us money. Our school is trying very hard to save money right now. You can help by recycling.

How do we recycle?

Paper: In every classroom, there will be a small box for paper recycling. Any kind or color of paper can go in there; newspaper, notebook paper, handouts from the teacher. This paper must be clean. It **can** have writing or ink, but it **can't** have food, or garbage on it. No paper coffee cups. No used tissues or napkins. Just clean classroom paper.

The teacher and student council leader will sometimes look in the box and make sure that there's only clean paper in there. They will help teach the students how to recycle correctly.

Once a week, when the box gets full, a student will empty it into a big blue recycling bin in the student lounge. If the students forget to do this, the teacher can ask for a volunteer to do it. The custodians will **not** empty the bins. Just like cleaning the boards at the end of each class, it is the responsibility of the teacher and students to empty the recycling box.

Cans and bottles: There will be two medium sized bins for recycling cans and bottles. They will be chained shut so that people can't open them. One will be outside the student lounge and the other will be out by the lunch truck. Students can put empty drink containers like soda cans – **BUT NOT GARBAGE** - in these bins. Teachers will help students learn how to do this.

All recycling bins will be marked with signs in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese.

If we decide, as a school, to start recycling, it's important that we do it correctly. We need to help teach each other about recycling so that there is no garbage in the recycling containers.

Thank you for recycling!