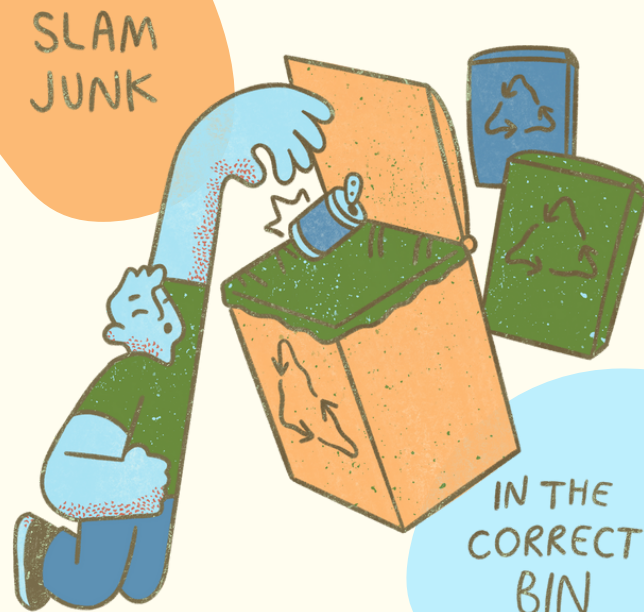


# LEARN TO RECYCLE

with

The Nature of Giving



## Recycling techniques

- **Curbside recycling:** people can separate materials like glass, plastic, metal, and paper by putting them in designated bins for collection
- **Drop-off recycling centers:** a center where individuals can take their recyclables directly
- **Buy-back centers:** a center where you can exchange recyclables for cash or vouchers
- **Special collection event:** events/ centers for more specialized items, like electronics or hazardous waste

Upcycling and reusing items creatively: giving items a new life!



## Different Materials You Can Recycle:

### Plastic

Plastic recycling involves collecting used plastic, sorting it, cleaning it, and then processing it into new products. Different types of plastics require different recycling processes. Recycling plastic helps conserve resources, reduces landfill waste, and lessens the environmental impact associated with plastic production.

### Paper

Recycling paper reduces the need to cut down trees for paper production. When paper is recycled, it's broken down into pulp, cleaned, and then used to make new paper products. Recycling paper not only conserves trees but also reduces water consumption and pollution associated with paper manufacturing. This process conserves forests, saves energy, and minimizes pollution.

## Glass

Glass is a fantastic material to recycle because it can be endlessly recycled without losing its quality. When glass is recycled, it's melted down and used to make new glass products. By recycling glass, we reduce the need for new raw materials and energy, ultimately cutting down on greenhouse gas emissions.



## Metal

Recycling metal, like aluminum and steel, saves a significant amount of energy compared to producing new metal from raw materials. Metal recycling reduces mining activities and the associated environmental damage, while also decreasing the emissions released during metal extraction and processing.



Our focus:

## Clothing

Recycling clothing involves donating or repurposing old garments. This reduces the amount of clothing ending up in landfills and extends the lifespan of textiles. It also conserves resources while supporting sustainable fashion and local economies. By reusing materials, we contribute to a greener planet and a more responsible approach to fashion consumption.

### How can we recycle clothing?

- **Donating:** gently used clothes to thrift stores, shelters, or community centers is a great way to help others while extending the life of garments.
- **Textile recycling programs:** accept worn-out clothing, transforming them into new products like insulation or cleaning cloths.
- **Upcycling:** involves turning old fabrics into new, unique items, such as tote bags or quilts.

## Our project- "Clothing Reborn":

The Nature of Giving's first project, "Clothing Reborn," serves as a great solution to the issue of clothing waste. By collecting clothes and donating them, we're not only extending the lifespan of garments but also actively promoting the recycling of clothing. This initiative not only reduces the volume of textiles that would otherwise end up in landfills but also spreads awareness about sustainable fashion practices. By facilitating the reuse of clothing, "Clothing Reborn" presents an actionable and effective method to address clothing waste, all while making a positive impact on both the environment and the community.

