

NATIONAL RECYCLING DAY

National Recycling Day, or America Recycles Day, is held every November 15th and has been celebrated since 1997. It is a day for people to celebrate recycling, to make smart choices when buying new things, and to think about how they can reduce waste every day of the year.

A few ideas to help you celebrate:

- * **Make crafts using cardboard!**
- * **Buy toys or paper made from recycled materials.**
- * **Use less water while showering and brushing your teeth.**
- * **Compost food waste!**
- * **Buy things with less packaging.**
- * **Use a reusable bag while shopping with your parents.**
- * **Walk or ride a bike instead of driving to the park.**
- * **Try out the fun activity included with this download!**



For a few years, our national recycling rate has been very low at around 34%! Show your support this year by making a pact with your friends, parents and/or siblings to participate in National Recycling Day 2020!

Reduce, reuse and recycle!



Sources: kab.org, recycle.com



MAKE A RECYCLED ENVELOPE

Materials: 1) Snack or Cereal Box 2) Scissors 3) Packaging Tape 4) Stickers



1. Hold up the snack box so the front cover is facing you, right side up.

2. Now carefully examine your box.

You should be able to pull apart the tabs at the top and at the bottom. When they are pulled apart you should be able to see right through the box!



3. Using your scissors, cut along the front right corner of your box.



4. Lay down the printed side facing up so that you can see what used to be the front cover of your box. Remove the front cover using your scissors. When you are finished, you should have a rectangle with flaps at the top and bottom. Set aside.



5. Now look at the remaining part of the box. You should be looking at what used to be the back of the box, with the sides attached. At the top and bottom, there will be small tabs that you pulled apart at the beginning of this activity. Cut off those small tabs so that you are left with only the back and sides of the box. Set aside.



6. Pick up the front cover piece from Step 4. Cut about $\frac{1}{4}$ inch off the longest side, all the way across from one flap to the other.

8. The remaining flap will be the opening of your envelope. Add tape over the folded flaps along the sides and bottom.



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7. Lay the piece from Step 5 on the table, print side facing up. Fold in one of the flaps toward the printed side and hold down.

Now lay the piece from Step 4 on top, print side facing down. Fold back the side flaps toward the printed side. All, but one flap should be sandwiched between both pieces.



Your envelope is now complete and ready for stickers!

Be sure to leave space for addresses and stamps if mailing envelope. Insert letter and seal with tape.

STICKER SHEET



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