

Recycling in Lincoln Printable Quiz – 4th Grade and up

1. The recycling symbol has three chasing arrows. What do the arrows mean?
 - a. Reduce, reuse and recycle
 - b. Collecting recyclables, making new products, and buying recycled products
 - c. Use it again, again and again

The correct answer is “b.” The recycling process starts with you separating the recyclables from your household trash. That’s what the first arrow means. The second arrow represents the company that takes the recyclables you separate and makes a new product. The third arrow is you again buying products that contain recycled material. You are a very important part of the recycling process.

2. It takes 60 days for an aluminum can to be recycled into a new aluminum can and returned to a grocery store shelf with soda in it.
 - a. True
 - b. False

The correct answer is true! Aluminum pop cans contain about 50 percent recycled aluminum. After you recycle a can in Lincoln, it goes to a manufacturing plant that melts the aluminum to make a new sheet. A bottler makes a new can and fills it with soda, and it comes back to the grocery store shelf for someone else to buy. And this can happen over and over, saving landfill space and resources!

3. What types of plastic containers can be recycled at Lincoln’s recycling drop-off sites?
 - a. Containers numbered one through five
 - b. Containers numbered one through seven
 - c. Only containers numbered one and two

The answer is “a,” containers numbered one through five. You’ll find the numbers on the bottoms of containers inside the recycling symbol.

4. Number one plastic pop bottles are made from polyester. When you recycle these plastic bottles, you can make new clothing and household products.
 - a. True
 - b. False

The correct answer is true! When it’s recycled, a bottle is converted to polyester fibers to make things like fleece sweat shirts, t-shirts and carpeting. Why would you throw away a bottle when it can be made into such cool stuff!?

5. The Nebraska Cornhuskers play football on an artificial turf that contains old tires.
- a. True
 - b. False

The answer is true. Tires can be ground up and made into all kinds of things. The football fields at Memorial Stadium as well as at East High and Lincoln High have Field Turf which contains ground-up rubber from old tires. This helps protect athletes from injuries. Playground surfaces at most schools and City parks contain rubber mats that are also made from old tires.

6. Recycling saves landfill space and our natural resources.
- a. True
 - b. False

The answer is true! Recycling is an easy way each of us can help the environment. It saves valuable landfill space. And we can make new products from the recycled materials instead of mining minerals or cutting down trees.

There's a lot more to learn. Just visit the City Web site at lincoln.ne.gov – keyword: recycle.