

The City of Ann Arbor Solid Waste Department presents...

THE Wastewatchers

in "Close That Loop"

Saturday finds our heroes engaged in yet another battle to save the Earth - armed with only their wits, their courage, and a big pack of markers.



Mmm! Stinky!

Hey Doc! Why do we have to spend all this extra time drawing THREE arrows in the recycling symbol? Wouldn't one long arrow do just as well?



Yeah! Aren't three arrows kind of... wasteful?

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Well, actually... NO!



You see, each of these arrows represents one of **three** very important parts of the recycling loop. Those three parts are...



Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle?

Rinse, Flatten and Bundle?

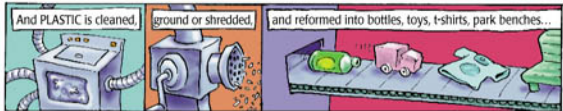
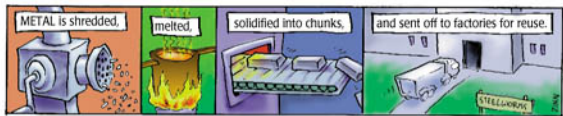
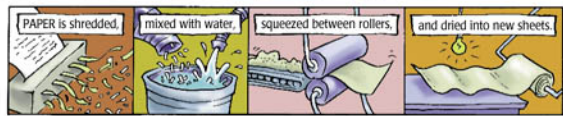
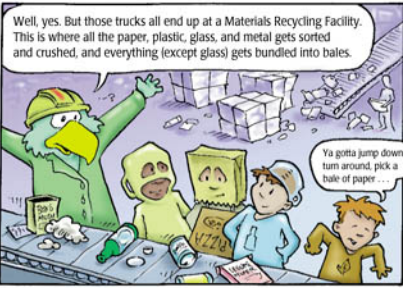
Shake, Rattle, and Roll?

Oh dear. Perhaps I should explain this with the help of my...

RECYCLAMOTE!



Official Fancy High-Tech Gadget: Standard issue for all Superheroes



So that's it - old stuff is made into new stuff. But isn't that only TWO steps?

But we aren't finished yet! We still have to check out the most overlooked step of all:

REUSE!

Wait a minute - this is just a store.

Not just a store, my boy ... this is where the recycling loop really gets rolling!

First, when we buy products that are made out of recycled materials, we're helping to support those businesses, which makes it easier for them to use even more recycled materials in the future.

And of course, only packaging that's recyclable will make it into the cycle in the first place, so we try to avoid buying products that have to be thrown away.

AND if we can avoid packaging entirely, by using refills and buying in bulk, then fewer things will have to go through the cycle at all!

Shucks.

Wow! That was quite a trip!

Well, it's quite a cycle... And now you know why we need all three arrows - without any one of those steps, there is no 'cycle' in Recycling!

Hey! What does this button do?

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Oops.

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