

## Recycling Tips of the Month:

Remove caps from bottles BEFORE recycling them. Bottle caps are made of a different quality of plastic and cannot be recycled at this time. Removing them also makes it easier to crush the bottles. Make sure containers are not too dirty or contaminated with residue. Rinse out if they are.

SORT the plastic containers by type. Look at the bottom of the container for the code. This code was developed by the Society of the Plastics Industry (SPI) to help people identify the type of resin in each container. The six most common resins are marked and classified according to their 'melt' rate. Please recycle in the recycle bin marked for the particular container you are recycling.

When shopping, use products with minimal packaging. Packaging that can be recycled is a better choice also.

Use re-useable shopping bags. Many stores sell these for a nominal cost and give you a refund on your bill each time you use these bags.

Buy products with refillable containers. Water may be purchased at many grocery stores in larger bottles that are refillable. Another product that I personally use is Downy fabric softener. Refills are available in a cardboard container so you can reuse the plastic container over and over.

Think of creative ways to re-use plastic containers. For instance, try cutting the bottom off pop bottles and removing the caps. Partially bury the cap end down in the soil next to your favorite garden plant. The container makes a great water reservoir to provide a consistent source of water to your plants.