

What is Closing the Loop?

Buying products made from recycled materials is a key step in supporting recycling programs and conserving resources. The loop starts when you place materials into your curbside recycling bin. Once the materials are collected and sorted, they are sent to businesses that can use them. These businesses process the recyclables into new products. Resources are saved only when you purchase these products made from recycled materials. This is referred to as "closing the loop."

While shopping, take the time to look at product labels to see whether the product or the packaging contains recycled content. For the biggest impact, buy the products with the highest percentage of recycled content.

BUYING RECYCLED PRODUCTS...



CONSERVES NATURAL RESOURCES



SAVES ENERGY



REDUCES SOLID WASTE



REDUCES AIR AND WATER POLLUTION



REDUCES GREENHOUSE GASES

Excellence in Textile Recycling Through Chesterfield's annual recycling drives, our city has helped make possible our regions first 100% post-consumer recycled-content rag bond, tree free paper. Visit www.archpaper.net for more information and to 'close the loop'.

Other Resources

Missouri Recycling Association
www.mora.org

St. Louis-Jefferson Solid Waste Management
District

Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries
www.isri.org

www.repurposedmaterialsinc.com



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BUYING RECYCLED MEANS CLOSING THE LOOP



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You can help the environment by purchasing products created by the remanufacture of recycled materials. This brochure contains a list of some commonly used items made from recycled materials and local stores where they can be purchased. When you use products made from recycled materials you are "Closing the Loop."

KITCHEN AND BATHROOM

CVS Pharmacy

7th Generation - paper towels

Dierbergs

If You Care - 100% recycled aluminum foil

Repurpose - Compostable Tall Kitchen Waste Bags

Fresh Thyme

Seventh Generation - paper towels, bath tissue, facial tissue

If You Care - aluminum foil

Office Depot - Ellisville

Highmark - paper towels, bath tissue, facial tissue

Envirocopy-- 30% recycled paper

Heavy Duty Binders - 100% recycled with 80% post consumer fiber

Office Depot-- 100% recycled writing pads

At A Glance Monthly Planner - cover 50% recycled, paper 100% recycled

Schnucks

Full Circle - paper towels, bath tissue, napkins

Target

Ever Spring - paper towels, bath tissue, facial tissue,

Trader Joe's

Trader Joe's - bath and facial tissue, paper towels, napkins



Whole Foods

365 - Bath tissue, paper towels, facial tissue, dinner and lunch napkins

Seventh Generation - paper towels, napkins, bath and facial tissue

OFFICE SUPPLIES

Office Max

Envirocopy- 30% recycled copy paper



Office Depot - Ellisville

writing pads, envelopes, storage boxes, file folders, binders, 3 tab folders

CLOTHING

Alpine Shop

Products marked - fleece linings, jackets, duffle bags, Capeline tee shirts



HOME IMPROVEMENT PRODUCTS

Home Depot

Nike - Step Ahead carpet pad & indoor/outdoor carpet, polyester carpet, & composite decking



Lowes

NUScape - Rubber Mulch

Rubberific - shredded rubber mulch

Stainmaster - polyester carpet, Composite Decking

SECOND HAND PRODUCTS

You can help the environment, support local charities and save money by purchasing all sorts of used products at second hand stores. Similarly, by donating or consigning used items you keep them out of landfills and save the resources that would have been needed to manufacture them new.

Purchase Reusable Items from area Goodwill, Plato's Closet, or Savers stores.

We all have heard about the 3 R's...



But, the 3 R's don't completely "Close the Loop"!

We need all 5 R's to "Close the Loop"!

Please consider...

REmanufacturing
REpurposing

Your role as both a consumer and recycling partner matters!

