



Upcycle the Productive Way

Recycling has grown and includes so much more these days. Hold a swap party with friends to exchange books, DVDs, clothes and accessories.

Check out how retailers and companies help you recycle more. Some office supply stores give you credit for used ink cartridges and take used electronics.

Some towns and cities even have curbside recycle bins for anything made of fabric. Organizations like the Salvation Army, 7th Generation Recycling, and SMART take much more these days.

Bamboo is the fastest growing plant on earth, so it's being used more in building materials. A few changes include newspapers being recycled into wood and used denim being used for insulation in homes. Instead of using sand and gravel to make roads, some places are using the grain of plastic to reuse plastics.

Check Your Green Smarts with an Upcycling Pop Quiz

Guess how manufacturers repurpose the following items:

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| 1. Shoe soles | A. Car set stuffing |
| 2. Plastic bottles #1 | B. Plastic lumber |
| 3. Leftover fabric | C. Fish aquariums |
| 4. Old TV sets | D. Paper money |
| 5. Stuffed animals | E. Polar fleece fabric |
| 6. Plastic bottles #2 | F. Pavement |
| 7. Leather Belts | G. Flooring |

Pop-quiz answers: 1F 2E 3D 4C 5A 6B 7G