

How Upcycling Affects Earth

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When you recycle, you help the planet. But, what about upcycling? Upcycling helps just as much as recycling does. It helps our planet be healthier. Anyone can upcycle and you can use anything to do it. Upcycling is all about using something old to make something new.

When you upcycle, you use materials or items that you no longer use or need to make something new. Some examples of upcycling are: planters made of cardboard or old cans or water bottles, painting old ladders and turning them into bookshelves, different size old bowls can be turned into lamps. Another example is to make a terrarium out of big old plastic water bottles. You can put lightbulbs into wine bottles and hang them up as light fixtures. You can put a candle into an old lightbulb that no longer works. You can even turn old pipes into planters to hang on the wall! Some people are able to turn old plastic bottles of any size and color into brooms.

There are many ways you can upcycle, but why should you upcycle? Upcycling helps the environment in many ways. Upcycling benefits the environment by reducing the pollution of land, water and air; by using old used materials to make something new. Upcycling also reduces the amount of excess waste which would otherwise end up in landfills.



An old soccer ball
can be something
else

The drawing above is an example of upcycling. Someone turned their old soccer balls into planters. They cut some small slits into the ball, put in soil and seeds and in the end they get the final product: a ball turned into a planter. Some other people might cut slits into a plastic bottle, put wooden spoons into the slits, and fill the bottle with bird seed. Next, a rubber band or something weather-proof will be used to hang the bird feeder to the branch of a tree. The bird seed will spill into the wooden spoon and birds will come to the bird feeder and birds will be able to sit on the spoons and eat some of the bird seed.

Upcycling can help us and the Earth in many ways. We can use other items to make new things, and in doing so, help prevent pollution and garbage patches, since we will no longer need to throw out as much. In conclusion, upcycling can help the earth and you.