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What Does Recycling Means to Me?

According to the Dictionary, recycling are defined as "taking materials from products that you have finish using and making brand new items with them." To me, recycling means more than that, it means saving Earth one small step at a time.

To recycle means to make use of what would otherwise be rubbish, in order to save our resources for future generations. The daily massive use of materials not only depletes Earth of its natural resources but it also destroys the environment in the process. By recycling, I can reduce this mammoth consumption of natural resources. Recycling is an opportunity for me to ensure that all of the materials will be use to slow down the destruction of the environment. Recycling allows me to contribute toward the saving of Earth. In recycling, we can make further use of used materials to reduce the need for natural resources. Instead of continuously planting and cutting trees to satisfy our never-ending demand for paper and wood material for building, we can slowdown the process by recycling used paper and by rotting the unusable wood and using it as fertilizer. Recycling means, I can reduce and prevent more resources from being consume as quickly.

Recycling allows me to be more responsible and conscientious about the use of natural resources. I feel it is my responsibility to choose the use of recyclable materials over non-recyclable materials. For example, I would rather use paper instead of plastic bags at grocery stores because plastic does not disintegrate as quickly as paper, and it

takes up more landfill space. I consider it my duty to recycle paper in order to reduce the amount of trees being cut.

Recycling means that I can contribute to society by being part of the solution. I am also setting an example for others to follow. Slowly, one by one, I am encouraging others to recycle until one day, recycling become a way of life for us by choice and not by necessity.