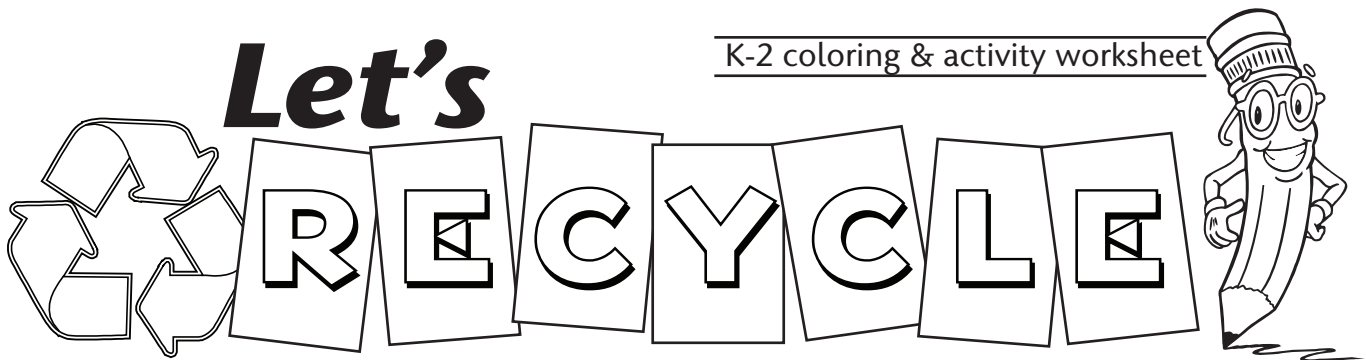


TEACHER GUIDE



FLORIDA SUNSHINE STATE STANDARDS



The “Let’s Recycle” coloring and activity worksheet is recommended for grades K-2.

The activities are keyed to the Florida State Sunshine Standards for language arts, visual arts, and math:

- LA.K-2.5.2.1: Listens carefully and understands directions for performing tasks.
- LA.2.2.2.2: Uses explicitly stated information to answer a question.
- LA.2.6.1.1: Reads informational text to perform tasks.
- VA.A.1.1.2: Uses visual art materials to develop basic processes and motor skills.
- MA.K.A.1.2; MA.1.A.1.4: Uses counting strategies.

Let’s Recycle was developed for Pinellas County Solid Waste staff to use in classroom presentations to encourage students to recycle.

Educators (teachers, parents, etc.) are welcome to use this worksheet.

For side 1, research which items are recycled in the areas where your students live. You can use the Pinellas County Recycling Directory or our website at www.pinellascounty.org/recycle. The items collected vary depending on the city. For example, St. Petersburg collects glass but Gulfport does not. You can call out the name of the item (“aluminum”) or hold up an example (Coke can) and ask the children to circle it. Students that cannot read should be able to guess what the items are by looking at the pictures.

Ask the students to take the worksheet home to discuss recycling with their families. If possible, send home a copy of the Recycling Directory with each child (call 727-464-7500 or e-mail recycle@pinellascounty.org to request copies).

Side 2 tests students’ skills at a maze, counting, and guessing what recycled item each Recycle Guy is made of. For younger students, discuss what the guys look like (“Find the guy that looks like a leaf. That is yard waste”). Older students should be able to guess what each guy is and draw a line to the answer (e.g. draw a line from the box guy to the word “cardboard” under Recycling Center).

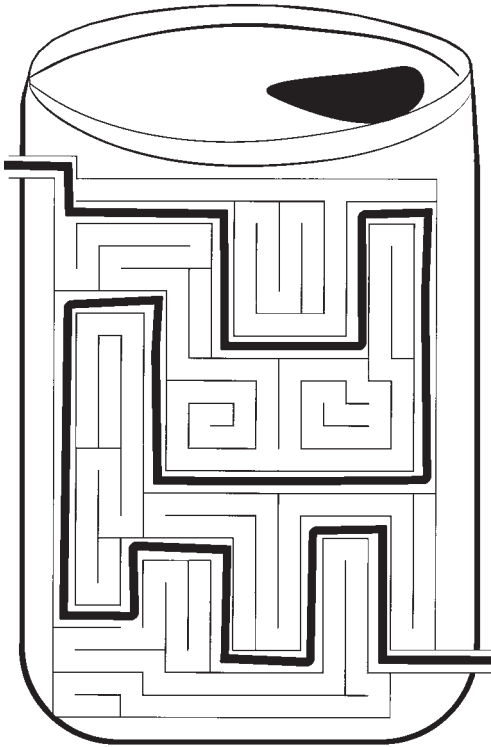
Both sides of the worksheet have pictures for children to color.

Find additional recycling activities at **Just for Kids** www.pinellascounty.org/utilities/kids

SEE REVERSE FOR WORKSHEET ANSWERS >>>

ANSWER KEY

Maze solution:



Count the Recycle Guys = **7**

Draw a line from each Recycle Guy to the “Recycling Center” box item:



aluminum (*can*)



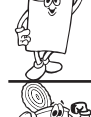
yard waste (*leaves, branches, and grass clippings*)



glass (*bottle*)



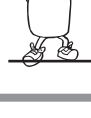
cardboard (*box*)



paper (*folder*)



steel (*can*)



plastic (*milk jug*)

FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES:

1. Try some of the fun recycling activities at **Just for Kids** www.pinellascounty.org/utilities/kids. You can print worksheet pages from the Recycling Activity Book (such as Recycling Superhero Connect the Dots) at www.pinellascounty.org/kids/coloring.htm. If you prefer, you can request copies of the Recycling Activity Book (call 727-464-7500 or e-mail recycle@pinellascounty.org). The Just for Kids site also has recycling songs you can download and links to recycling games.
2. Invite a **speaker** from Pinellas County Solid Waste to talk with your class about recycling: www.pinellascounty.org/utilities/teachers/speakers.htm
3. Watch the entertaining and educational 13-minute **video** “No Such Place As Away” to see exactly where our trash goes: www.pinellascounty.org/utilities/teachers/audiovisual.htm
4. **Tour** the Solid Waste facility (Waste-to-Energy facility and landfill). Free bus transportation is available for qualifying educational groups: www.pinellascounty.org/utilities/teachers/tours.htm
5. Arrange for your students **watch paper recycling in action** at your school. Talk with the Head Plant Operator to find out who empties the paper bin in your classroom and where it goes.
6. Challenge the students to initiate a **new recycling program at your school** such as plastic bottles or aluminum cans. Visit www.pinellascounty.org/utilities/teachers/school-recycling.htm for ideas.

