

# **REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE**

## **The Three R's**

# Reduce the amount of trash produced

- Purchase durable, long-lasting goods
- Try to buy products that are as free from toxics as possible
- This is the best part of the Three R's because it prevents the generation of waste in the first place and goes a long way toward protecting the environment

# Reuse items by repairing, donating, or selling them



- Use durable coffee mugs and soda or water containers
- Use cloth napkins or towels
- Refill bottles, donate old magazines or surplus equipment
- Reuse boxes
- Turn empty jars into containers for leftover food
- Purchase refillable pens and pencils
- Participate in paint collection and reuse programs

# Recycle

- Turns materials that would otherwise become waste into valuable resources
- Generates a host of environmental, financial, and social benefits
- Buy recycled products



# What will you do to make the three R's part of your family's life?

