

***How to be a Santa Clarita***



# RECYCLE HERO!



***California has three different color containers for disposing of waste***



***Do you know what each of them are for?***



***Recycling belongs in  
your blue container***



***Organics belong in your  
green container***



***Garbage belongs in  
your black container***

# ***What is Recycling?***

***Recycling means helping turn waste into a new product, instead of letting it end up in the landfill.***



# ***What should I recycle?***

***Recyclable items are often determined based on materials that can be processed at a Materials Recovery Facility (MRF).***

***In Santa Clarita, some common examples of recyclable items are:***

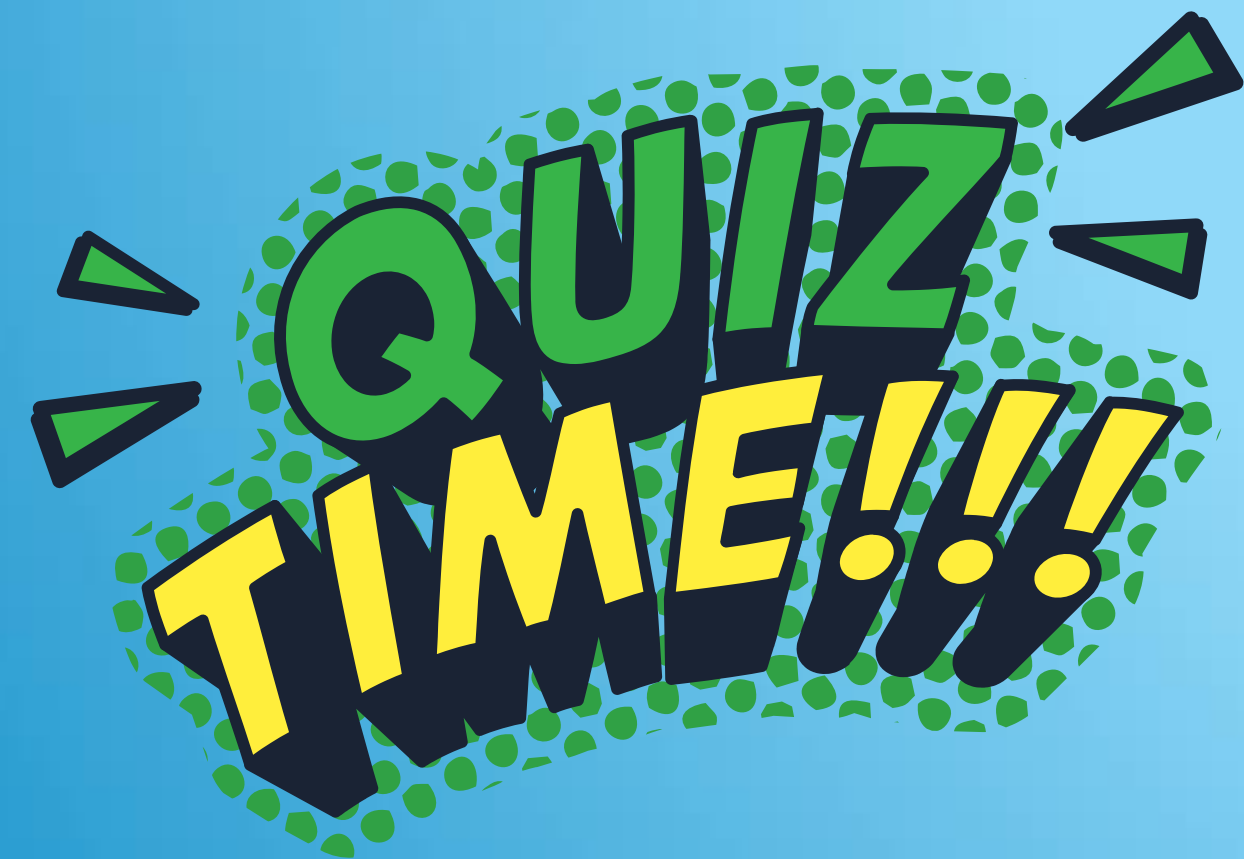
- ***Cardboard, paper and paper products***
- ***Plastic bottles and jugs***
- ***Glass bottles and jars***
- ***Aluminum and tin cans***
- ***Food cartons***

***Before recycling, make sure all items listed above are empty and dry!***



# ***How Do I Recycle?***

***Recyclables should be clean and dry before placing in your **blue** recycling container***



***Should recyclables be bagged?***

***Answer: recyclable items should NOT be bagged, they should be placed loosely into your recycling container for collection***

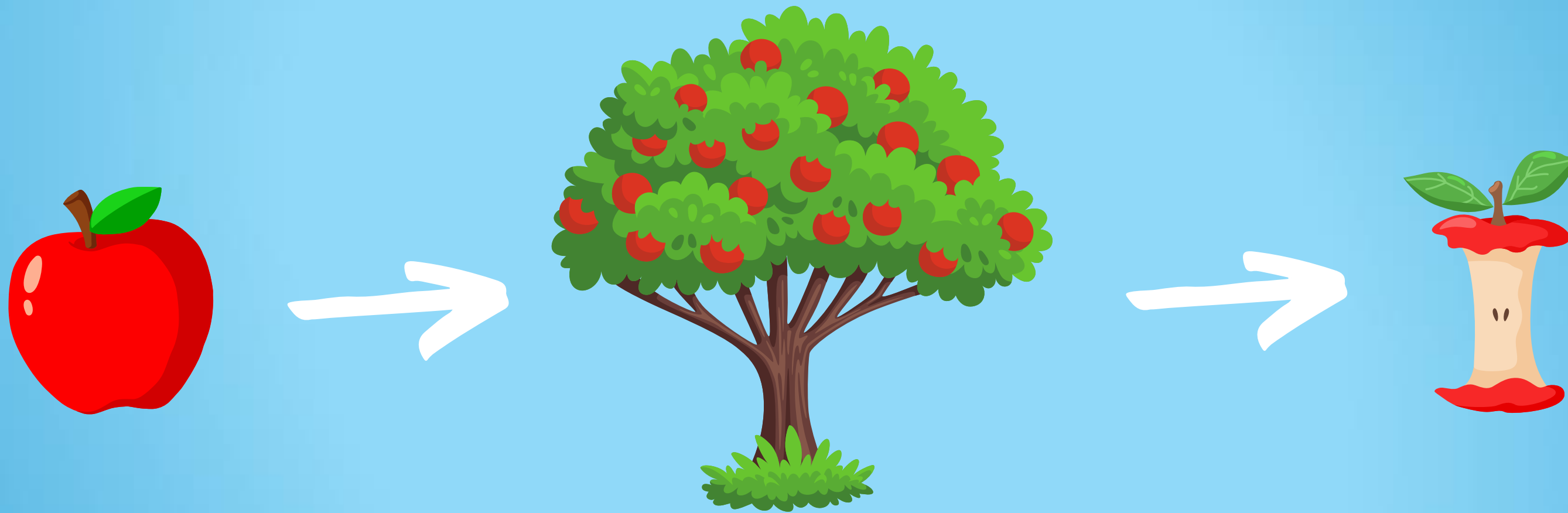
# ***What are Organics?***

***Organic waste is waste that comes directly from something that was once alive or a part of a living thing.***

***Food scraps, rotten food, grass and leaves are organic waste***



# ***Examples of Organic Waste***

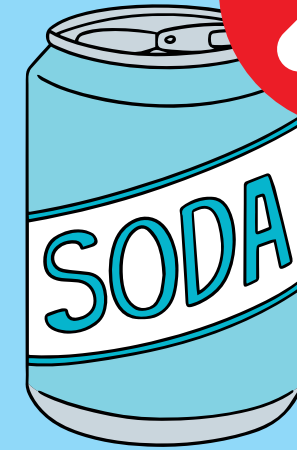
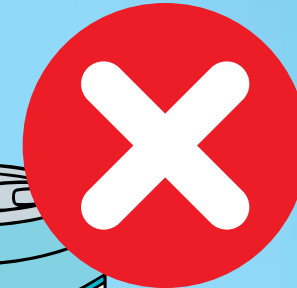
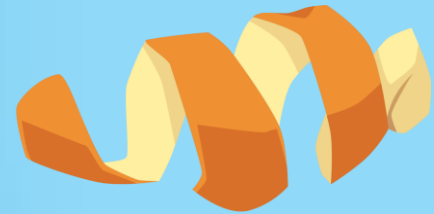
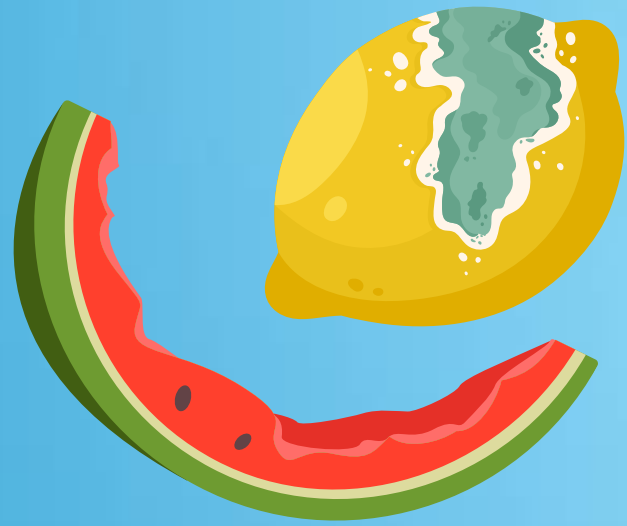


***Apples come from trees, which are a living thing, meaning items like apple cores or rotten apples are considered organic waste***



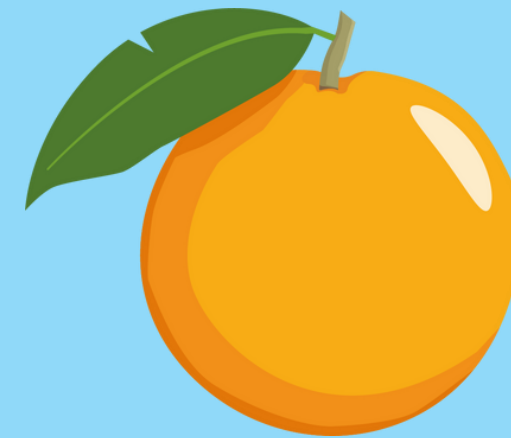
# QUIZ TIME!!!

**Which of the items below are considered organics?**



# ***What about food that is still safe to eat?***

***Food that is still safe to eat, like an unwanted whole piece of fruit or unopened granola bar, might be given to someone else to eat, instead of recycled***



***Ask if your school has a share table to place safe and unwanted food for others, or save your food for later.***

# ***What is garbage?***

***Garbage includes waste that cannot be recycled and is not considered organic material, so it typically ends up in a landfill.***

***Garbage is not reused and can take hundreds of years to break down in a landfill.***



***A landfill is a very large open space where garbage is buried in the ground and covered with dirt.***

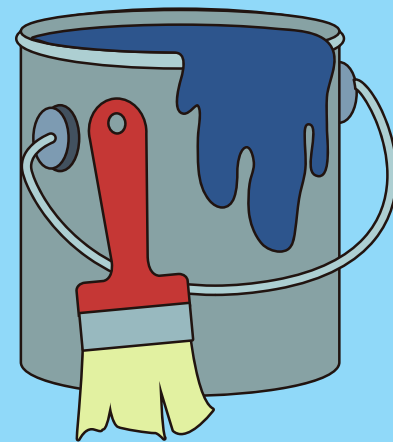


# ***Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)***

***Household Hazardous Waste is a less common type of waste that requires special handling and disposing due to its dangerous nature. HHW needs to be taken to a special center or event that will accept it.***

***QUIZ  
TIME!!!***

***Can you think of anything that might be dangerous to dispose of?***

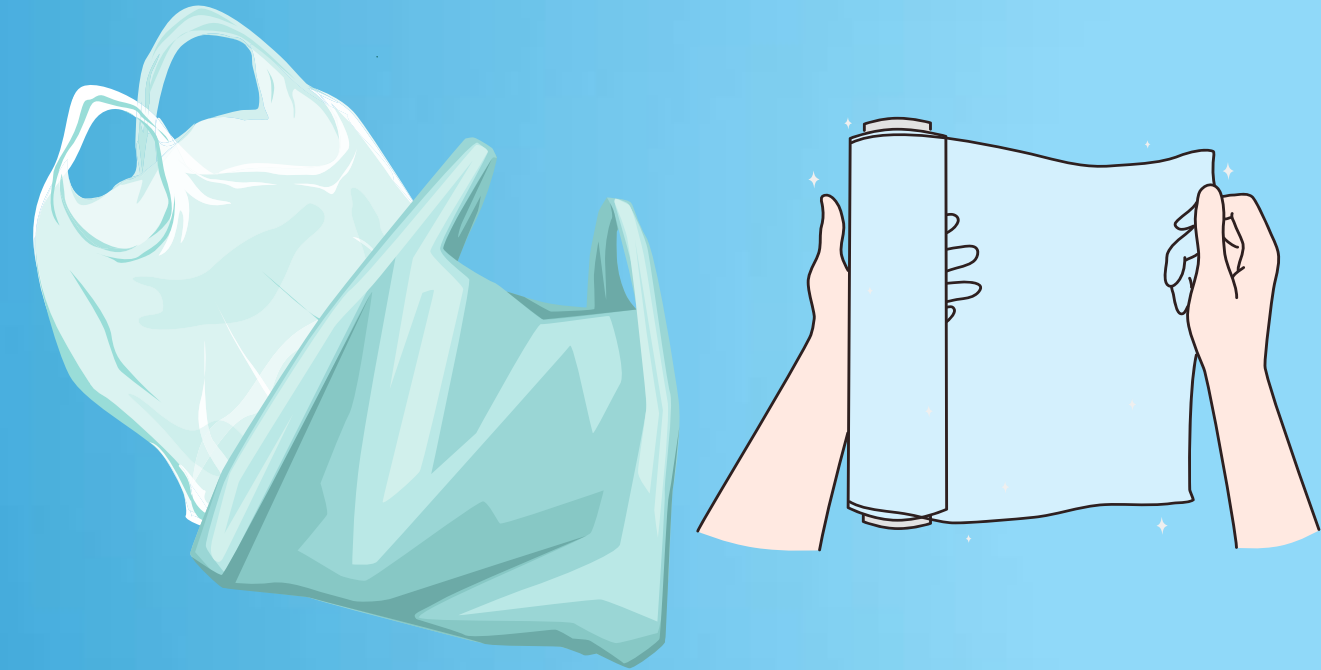


# ***Tricky Types of Waste***

***Sometimes it can be tricky to identify the type of material an item is made of, which makes it difficult to know how to properly dispose of it.***

***Plastic bags and film can be recycled if you take them to the right place. Otherwise, bags can be reused for food waste or garbage.***

***Pet waste can carry diseases and should always be collected and disposed of in the trash.***



***Now you're ready to be a Santa Clarita***

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