

Buy Recycled



More and more individuals and businesses are sorting and collecting recyclable materials every day. From office paper to tin cans, from collection centers to curbside, the tonnages, types of recyclable material and number of processing and recycling facilities has been on the rise.

But what good does all this collection really do? None, **if** we don't put our money where our mouth is. Recycling - the collection, remanufacturing and purchasing of recycled materials - is only effective when we **buy recycled products**, and "close the loop." Manufacturers turn our collected "recyclables" into useful "recycled content" products. Unless we purchase products with recycled content, there's no incentive for manufacturers to use the materials we recycle. Without market stimulation, there will be no demand for recycled materials generated in your homes and businesses. In fact, if no market is found for our collected materials they could begin to end up right back in the landfill in the future!

There are many types of products currently available, which are price and quality competitive, that contain recycled content. Some of the more popular products include; re-refined oil, re-tread tires, carpeting, clothing, construction materials, gardening tools and supplies. For more information on how you can Buy Recycled, contact the DMASWA Education Office at 563-588-7933 or [email](#).

