

# *End of year holidays activity pack 2024*



*Recycling tips inside*



## *Things to recycle every time*

Keep recycling clean, dry and  
unbagged to maximise recovery

### Recycling basics



**Paper**



**Cardboard**



**Glass**



**Hard/rigid plastics**



**Steel and aluminium**



## *Things to leave out of your recycling bin*

Contamination in your bin  
can ruin your recycling



**Textiles**  
Repurpose or donate



**Drinking glass and crockery**  
General waste bin



**Leftover food**  
Home compost or organics bin



**Soft plastics and wrappers**  
General waste bin



**Liquids**  
Remove all liquids from containers  
and recycle containers when dry

# Top recycling tips when wrapping gifts



## Use recyclable wrapping paper or make your own

Not all wrapping paper is recyclable. Sparkly or glossy paper usually can't be recycled. To check, try the scrunch test: if the paper stays scrunched, it's likely recyclable. Recyclable paper can go in your yellow lid recycling bin.

## Name tags

Instead of using disposable name tags, try writing the recipient's name directly on the wrapping paper with a pen. This reduces waste and makes your gift wrapping more sustainable.

## Recycled Materials

Look for gift wrap and cards made from 100% recycled materials and try to avoid the use of ribbon.

## Tape-free wrapping

Explore tape-free wrapping ideas, such as furoshiki, a traditional Japanese method that uses cloth to wrap gifts. Additionally, save gift bags so they can be reused the following year.

### Wrapping paper

Seek recyclable paper (not all wrapping paper is recyclable)



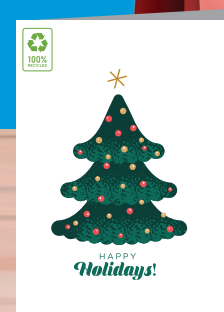
### Ribbons

They aren't recyclable and can harm our wildlife if blown away in the wind



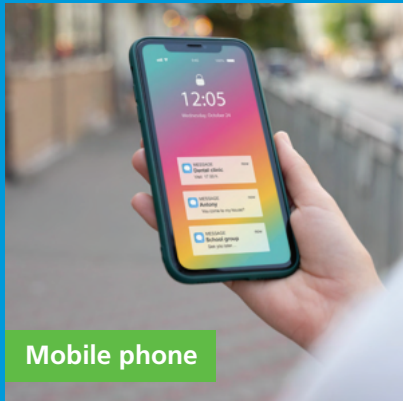
### 100% recycled

Choose gift packaging and cards that are made from recycled materials

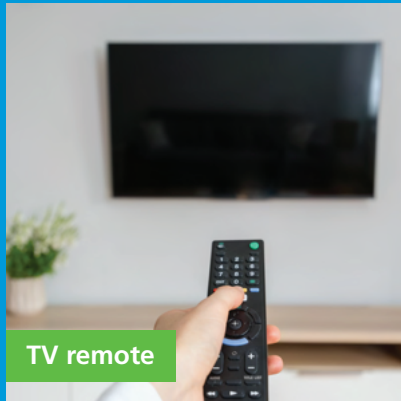




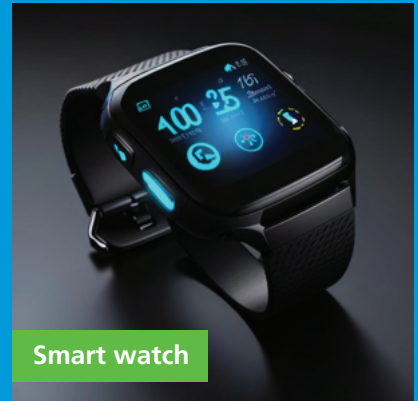
# WHAT DO ALL THESE ITEMS HAVE IN COMMON?



Mobile phone



TV remote



Smart watch



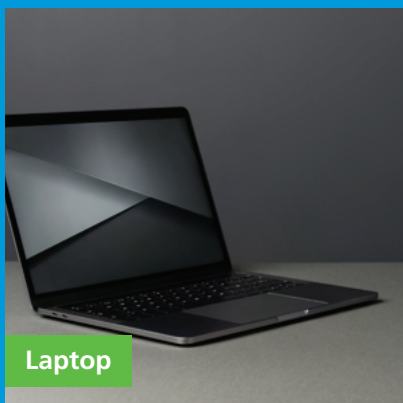
Cordless vacuum



Battery-operated kids toy



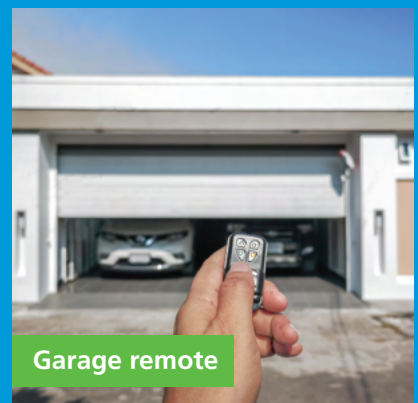
Bluetooth speakers



Laptop



Wireless headphones



Garage remote

They all contain batteries and don't belong in your bins!

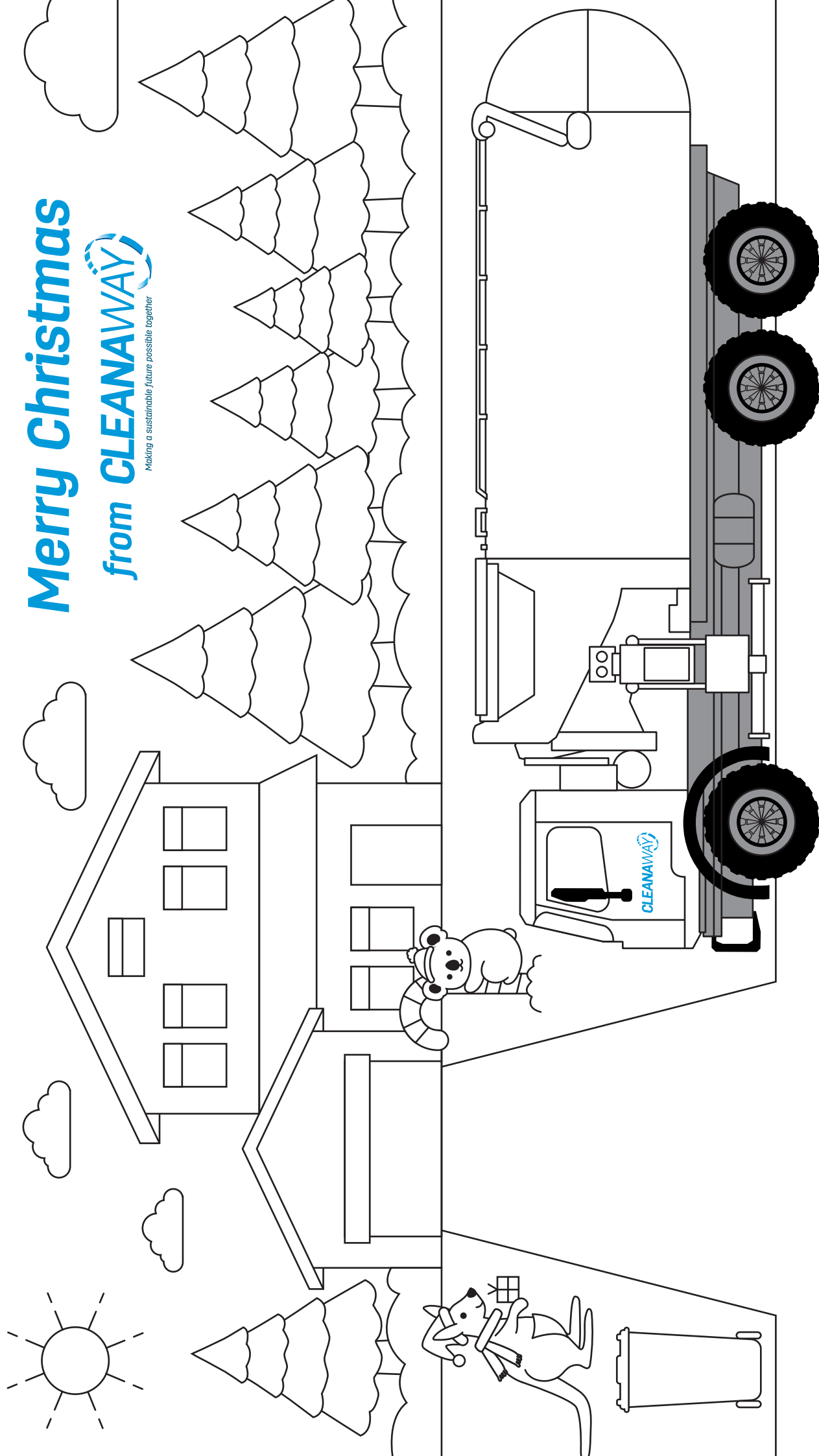
Take to specialist drop off  
points for safe disposal.

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*Colour the Christmas greeting and attach it to your bins or your fridge!*

**Merry Christmas**

from **CLEANAWAY**  
Making a sustainable future possible together



# How to make a bon bon



The summer holidays are a great time to start some sustainability projects. Follow these 3 DIY steps to create a bon bon.

You will need:

- Recyclable wrapping paper
- Toilet roll
- Cotton ribbon
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Small goodies
- Tape
- Ruler

## Instructions



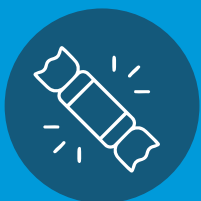
### Step 1: Cut the Paper

Use a ruler to draw some 15 x 25 cm rectangles on your gift paper, then cut them out.



### Step 2: Make the Shape

Roll the paper around the toilet roll and tape to secure.



### Step 3: Tie and Fill

Fill the roll with sustainable goodies, then tie one end with cotton ribbon that can be collected after use and reused next year! Tie the other end after filling.



# JOIN THE CYCLE

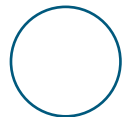
## AT HOME

Here's 5 tips to help contribute to a circular economy in your home



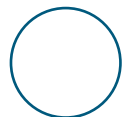
### Recycle e-waste & batteries at specialised drop off locations

This allows precious materials to be recovered safely and reused in new products.



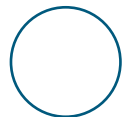
### Keep your recyclables out of plastic bags

To ensure your items get recycled, place recyclables loose into the recycling bin.



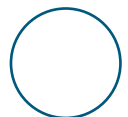
### Collect your food waste so it can become compost

Set up a kitchen caddy to divert your food waste from landfill. Put collected food waste into your home compost or organics bin for recycling into a natural, nutritious soil conditioner.



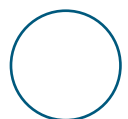
### Participate in 10c Container Deposit Schemes (CDS)

Dedicate a container at home to collect eligible 10c CDS items. When full, take to a local refund point to cash in! Additionally, you can select to donate your refund to Clean Up Australia!



### Avoid single use plastics

Store leftover food or lunches in containers rather than wrapping in plastic film, shop for produce 'naked' (not in packaging), and where possible, use refillable products.



## Which of these items belong in the recycling bin



Liquid in  
a bottle



Used paper  
towels



Bagged  
recyclables



Soft plastic  
packaging



Drinking  
glasses



Plastic bag



Empty fruit  
punnets



Receipt paper



Aluminium  
foil



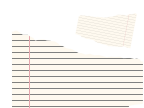
Empty  
tissue box



Empty plastic  
bottles  
(without lids)



Greasy  
pizza box



Shredded  
paper



Mobile phone



Takeaway  
coffee cup



Envelope  
with window



Tinsel



Plastic  
food cutlery



Cardboard



Food cans



**When in doubt, leave it out. Don't risk contaminating your recycling bin.**



# Test your knowledge

## Source separation



Rachel has an expired jar of pasta sauce. How should Rachel dispose of it?



### Remaining pasta sauce

- ☐ Leave in jar and recycle
- ☐ Compost or organics bin



### Glass jar

- ☐ Rinse and place in recycling bin
- ☐ Dispose in general waste



### Lid

- ☐ Keep lid on and recycle
- ☐ Separate lid and recycle
- ☐ Dispose in general waste



### Label

- ☐ Remove and compost
- ☐ Remove and dispose in general waste
- ☐ Leave on jar and recycle



Robbie's favourite snack comes in plastic containers with a foil cover inside. How should he dispose of it correctly?



### Plastic cover

- ☐ Remove and dispose in general waste
- ☐ Remove and recycle
- ☐ Leave on and recycle



### Plastic tray

- ☐ Dispose in general waste
- ☐ Rinse and recycle



### Cardboard box

- ☐ Rinse and recycle
- ☐ Remove crumbs and recycle
- ☐ Dispose in general waste



How should Jacob break down his yoghurt tub for disposal?



### Container

- ☐ Dispose in general waste
- ☐ Rinse and recycle
- ☐ Compost or organics bin



### Foil cover

- ☐ Rinse, collect with other foil and recycle
- ☐ Dispose in general waste
- ☐ Shred and recycle



How should Shane dispose of a pizza box properly?



### Greasy cardboard

- ☐ Rinse and recycle
- ☐ Compost or organics bin



### Clean cardboard

- ☐ Rinse and recycle
- ☐ Remove crumbs and recycle
- ☐ Dispose in general waste



# Find the right bin

Lead the items to the right bin



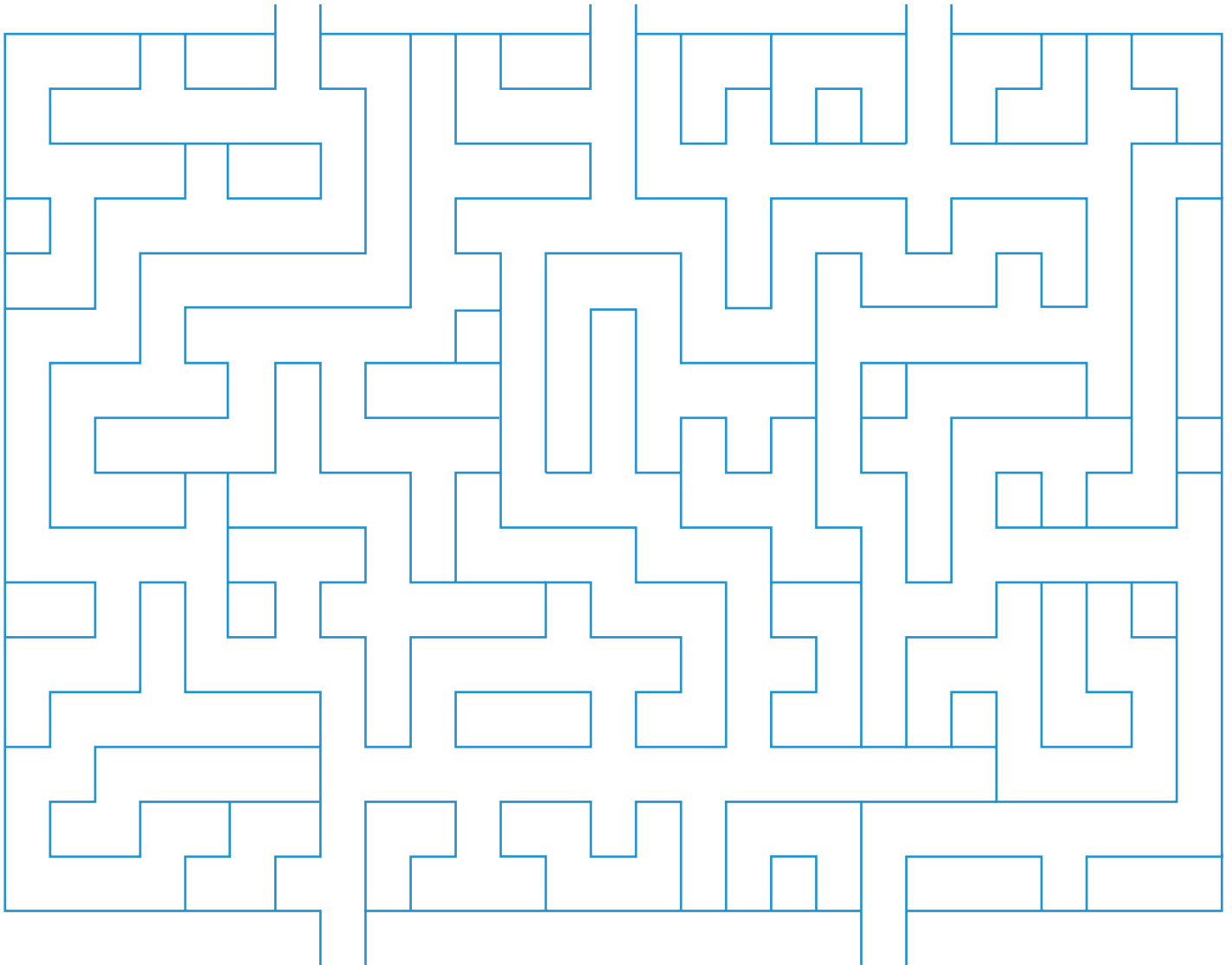
Plastic bottle



Aluminium can



Plastic pack



Commingled bin



General waste



# Find the contaminants



Contamination occurs when the wrong items have been placed in the wrong bin.

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C	E	S	S	F	Y	R	S	P	P	G	N	B	E
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## Find These Words

☐ CROCKERY

☐ GREEN WASTE

☐ FOOD

☐ PAPER TOWEL

☐ LIQUIDS

☐ PLASTIC BAGS

☐ CLOTHING

☐ NAPPIES

☐ LIGHT BULBS

☐ BATTERIES

☐ PAINT

☐ SOFT PLASTICS

*(not accepted in any of your bins)*

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# Recycling the letters to make words



Unscramble the words below to discover things that are commonly recycled to help reduce waste and keep our planet green!

1. MULANIMIU SNAC

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2. SALGS STOTBLE

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3. LKIM TRSNCAO

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4. AESIAGMZN

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5. TNI NSCA

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6. ELENVESPO

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7. CRAODBARD

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8. UICJE XOSBE

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9. PREPA GSAB

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10. GGE ANCORTS

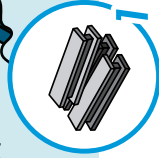
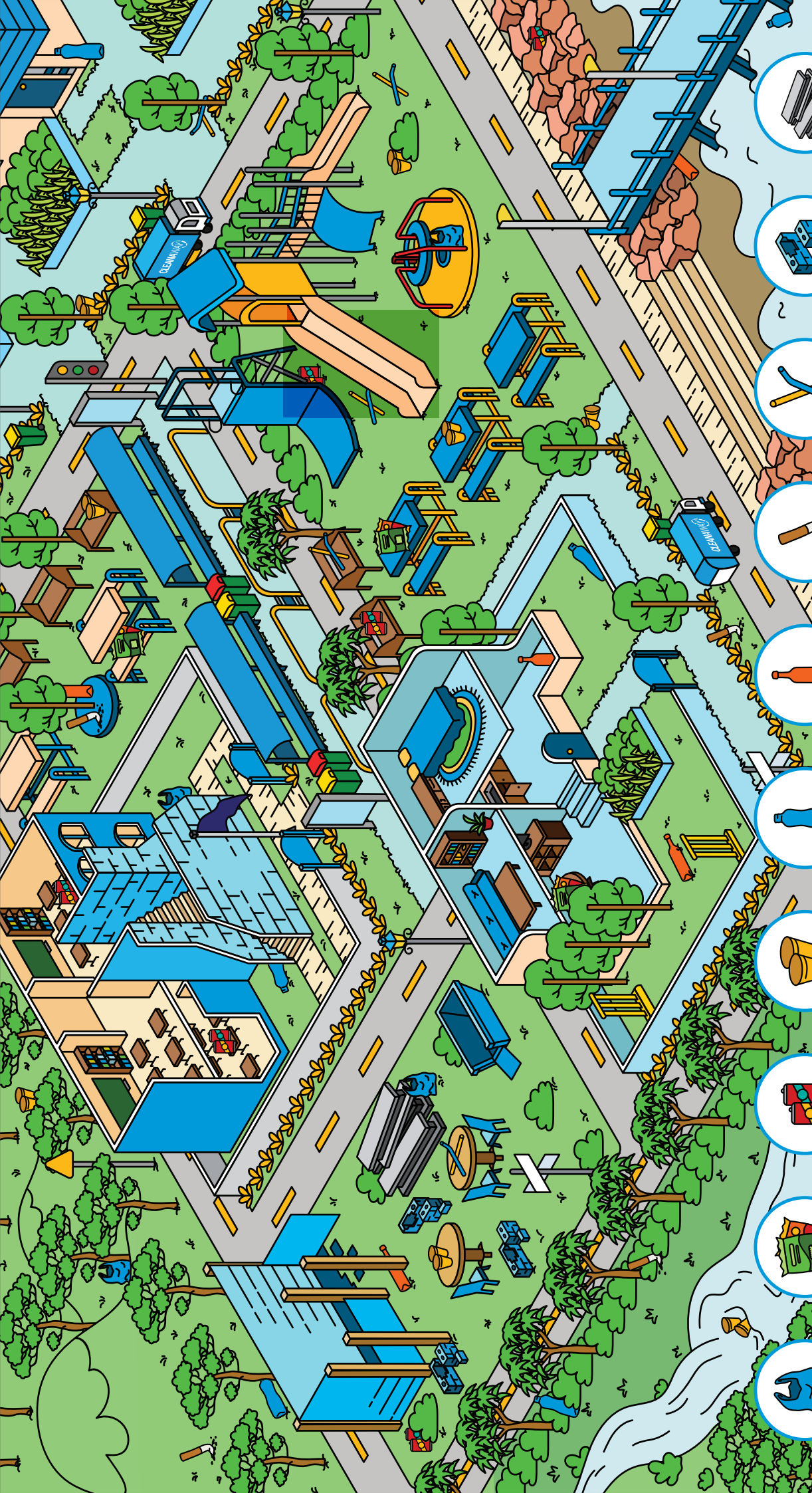
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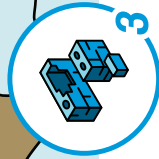
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12. EELCAR BESXO

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Metals  
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Construction blocks  
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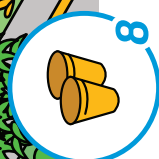
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Aluminium cans  
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Chip packets  
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Plastic bags  
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## Find the hidden litter

Check each item off in the space provided above

# Cut out, fold and play the knuckle game!



# 30-day recycling challenge

# CLEANAWAY

**Day 1**



Keep your recycling loose, not bagged

**Day 2**



Dispose of food waste in your home compost system or worm farm

**Day 3**




Collect bits of foil into the size of a tennis ball then recycle in your yellow bin

**Day 4**




Dispose of food waste in your FOGO bin or home/community compost system

**Day 5**



Search the house for unwanted bedding, towels and clothes

**Day 6**



Donate good quality clothes to charity and take bedding and towels to the local animal shelter

**Day 7**



Start an art project with discarded materials. Post on Instagram and tag @cleanawayAU

**Day 8**



Visit the iCoast website to familiarise yourself with your local recycling services

**Day 9**




When shopping choose items made out of 100% recycled material

**Day 10**



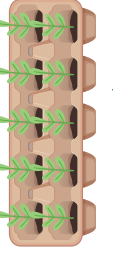
Switch disposables for reusables

**Day 11**



Say no to soft plastic produce bags when shopping. Take reusable bags instead.

**Day 12**




Egg cartons make great seed pods. What will you grow?

**Day 13**



Start a sewing kit for clothing repairs

**Day 14**



Use old towels and sheets as drop sheets for messy activities or to create reusable rags

**Day 15**



Collect old electronics at home and drop off at Council's Waste Management Facilities for e-waste recycling

**Day 16**



Organise a Plog-a-thon to pick up litter in your neighborhood. Recycle collected materials where possible

**Day 17**




Clean up the garden and collect green waste, chemicals, paint, tyres and old appliances

**Day 18**




Take a trip to your local transfer station to drop off the materials for recycling

**Day 19**




Use empty jars for storage or plant propagation

**Day 20**




Use local buy and sell groups to find a bargain or sell your preloved items

**Day 21**




Place disposable coffee cups into general waste. These are not recyclable

**Day 22**




Read recycling labels to make sure you know where each part of the packaging goes

**Day 23**



Half fill empty milk bottles with water, freeze. You now have reusable ice bricks for picnic trips

**Day 24**



Collect eligible plastic bottles and drop off at your nearest container collection point (if available)

**Day 25**



Research brands that make recyclable products for your future purchases

**Day 26**



Declutter your collection of books and magazines, and drop them off at your local street library

**Day 27**



Find a local repair café for broken household items

**Day 28**




Get the whole family together and visit [greenius.com.au](http://greenius.com.au) for recycling learning, games and quizzes

**Day 29**



Bring reusable containers and buy food from a bulk food store or your supermarket's bulk food section

**Day 30**












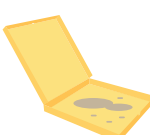










Make your own beeswax wraps. A great weekend activity to do with the kids

30-day recycling challenge



## Which of these items belong in the recycling bin

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	Bagged recyclables	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Soft plastic packaging	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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	Cardboard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Food cans	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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## Test your knowledge

Rachel has an expired jar of pasta sauce.  
How should Rachel dispose of it?

### Remaining pasta sauce

- ✓ Compost or organics bin

### Glass jar

- ✓ Rinse and place in recycling bin

### Lid

- ✓ Separate lid and recycle

### Label

- ✓ Leave on jar and recycle



Robbie's favourite snack comes in plastic containers.  
How should he dispose of it correctly?

### Plastic lid

- ✓ Remove and recycle

### Plastic tray

- ✓ Rinse and recycle

### Cardboard box

- ✓ Remove crumbs and recycle



How should Jacob break down his yoghurt tub for disposal?

### Container

- ✓ Rinse and recycle

### Foil cover

- ✓ Rinse, collect with other foil and recycle  
(Scrunch it up with other foil into a ping pong sized ball)



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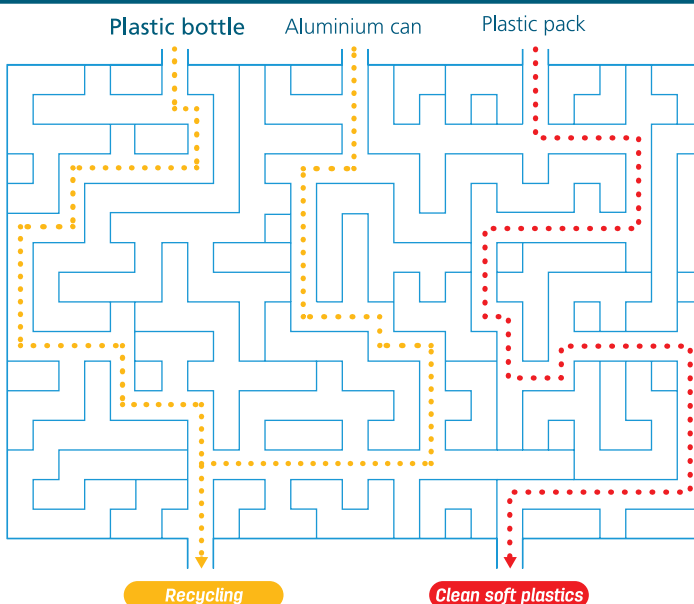
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### Clean cardboard

- ✓ Remove crumbs and recycle



## Find the right bin



## Find the contaminants

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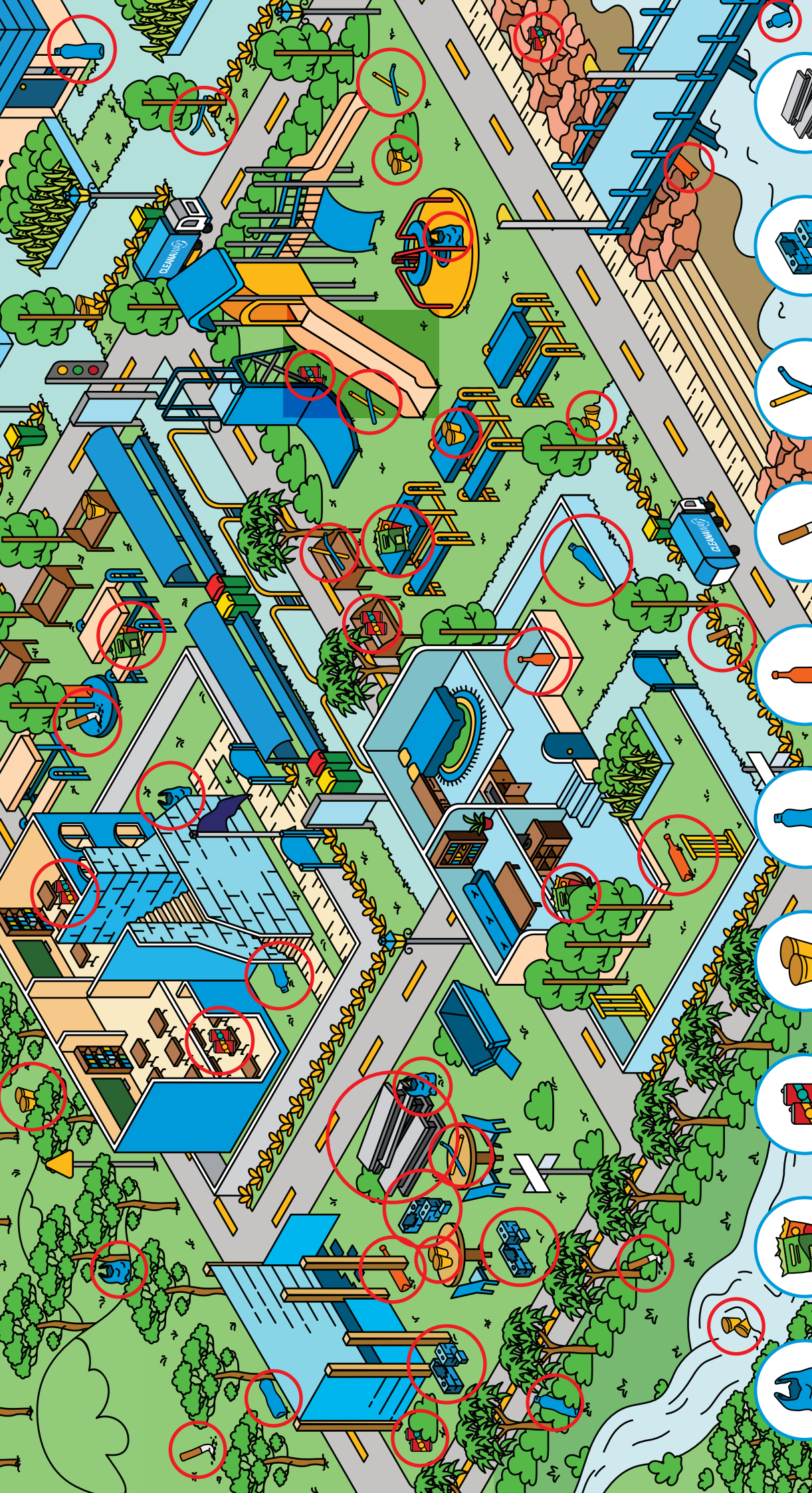
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2. GLASS BOTTLES
3. MILK CARTONS

4. MAGAZINES
5. TIN CANS
6. ENVELOPES

7. CARDBOARD
8. JUICE BOXES
9. PAPER BAGS

10. EGG CARTONS
11. GLASS JARS
12. CEREAL BOXES





Plastic bags	4	0000	Chip packets	3	000	Aluminium cans	6	000	Disposable cups	8	0000	0000	Plastic bottles	6	000	000	Glass bottles	5	000	000	Cigarette butts	4	0000	Plastic straws	5	000	000	Construction blocks	3	000	Metals	1	0
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*Stay safe and  
happy holidays!*