

# CLEAN UP

with Carlos & Friends



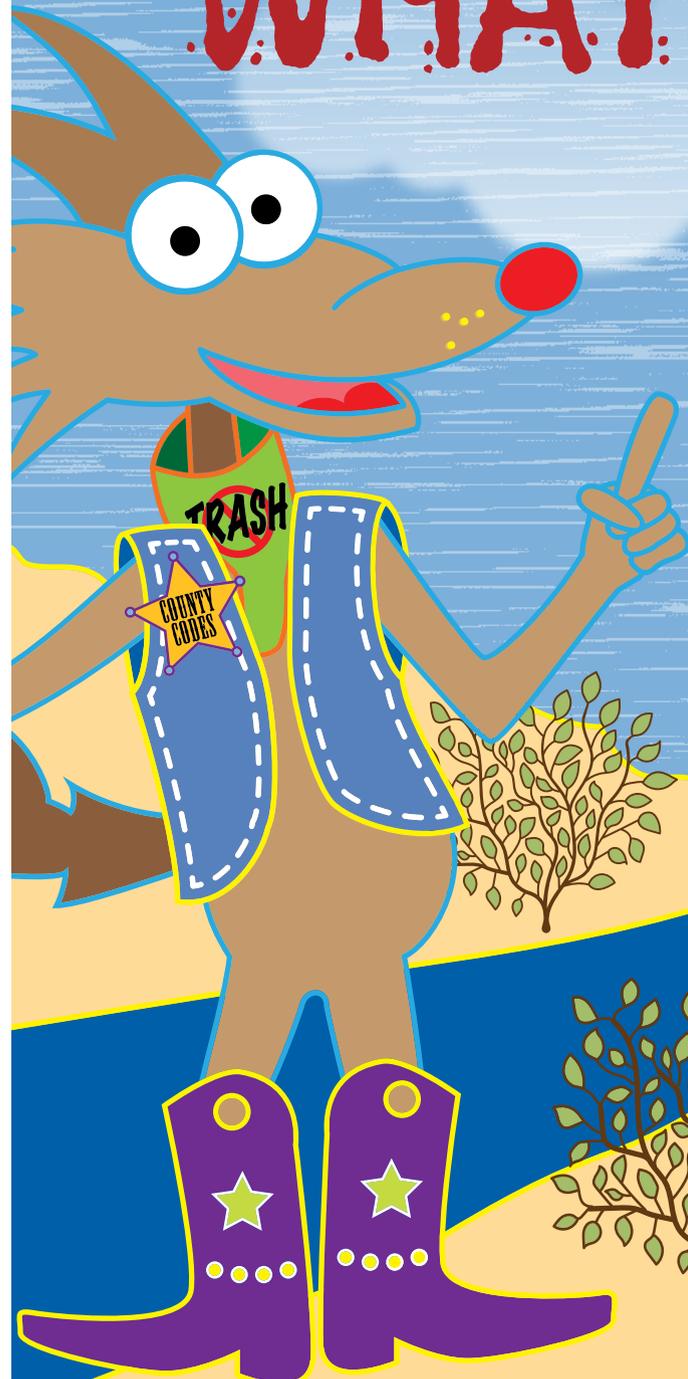
# WHAT IS "ILLEGAL DUMPING"?

"ILLEGAL DUMPING" is dumping waste on public or private property that is not licensed or permitted to receive waste. It is **UNLAWFUL** deposit of any type of waste material.

"ILLEGAL DUMPING" can occur in areas such as vacant lots, along road ways, alleys, city, county, or national parks, ravines, construction sites, river levees, sewers, or even waterways. In other words - it can occur **ANYWHERE!**

## WHO IS LITTERING?

**DID YOU KNOW** that 75% of Americans admit that they have littered? The most common offenders are men between the ages of 18 to 34 years. But remember, **ANYONE** can litter or illegally dump waste!



# WHY IS ILLEGAL DUMPING A PROBLEM?

**ILLEGAL DUMPING** is a serious problem because **EVERYONE SUFFERS** from it.

- **FARMERS** suffer because fields and crops are destroyed.
- **BUSINESSES** suffer because extra trash pick-ups can cost several hundred dollars and it can be passed on to consumers.
- Entire **NEIGHBORHOODS** suffer because trash is unsightly and also harbors rats and other vermin. It can lead to decline in property value and loss of community respect.
- The **ENVIRONMENT** suffers because toxic pollutants are released into streams, woodlands, wetlands, and can harm wildlife.
- Public **HEALTH** and **SAFETY** suffer because sharp or toxic objects can cause infection or physical injury.



# WHAT ARE THE PENALTIES OF ILLEGAL DUMPING?



In the State of New Mexico it is **ILLEGAL** to litter or illegally dump waste. It is a serious offense and can result in criminal prosecution. Depending on the amount and type of waste, one can be charged with a misdemeanor up to a felony. Fines may be as little as a traffic ticket up to **THOUSANDS** of dollars.

# WHAT IS RECYCLING?

**RECYCLING** is the practice of reusing items that would otherwise be discarded as waste. **RECYCLING** prevents useful material resources from being wasted and reduces the consumption of raw materials.



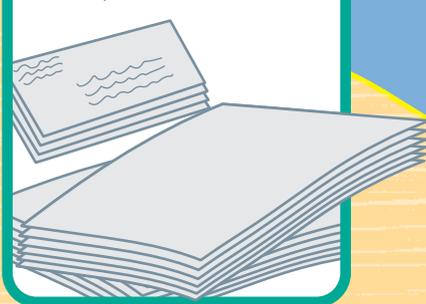
# WHAT TYPES OF MATERIALS CAN YOU RECYCLE?

YES



Many different types of materials can be used for recycling. Some of the most common items are paper, cardboard, glass, metal, plastics, CD's, batteries, tires and even e-waste.

PAPER



CARDBOARD



GLASS



FOOD BAGS



PIZZA BOXES



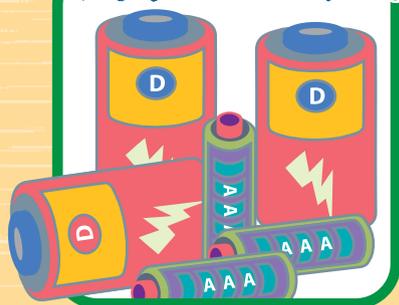
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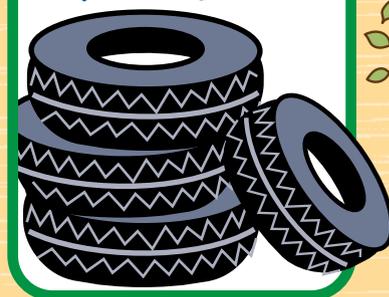
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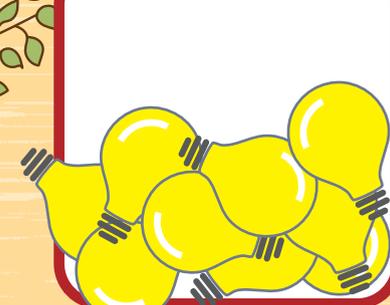
BATTERIES



TIRES



LIGHT BULBS



HAZARDOUS WASTE



MEDICAL WASTE



Remember some items cannot be recycled. Any product which has the potential to be contaminated such as items with food, wax, styrofoam and bodily fluids.

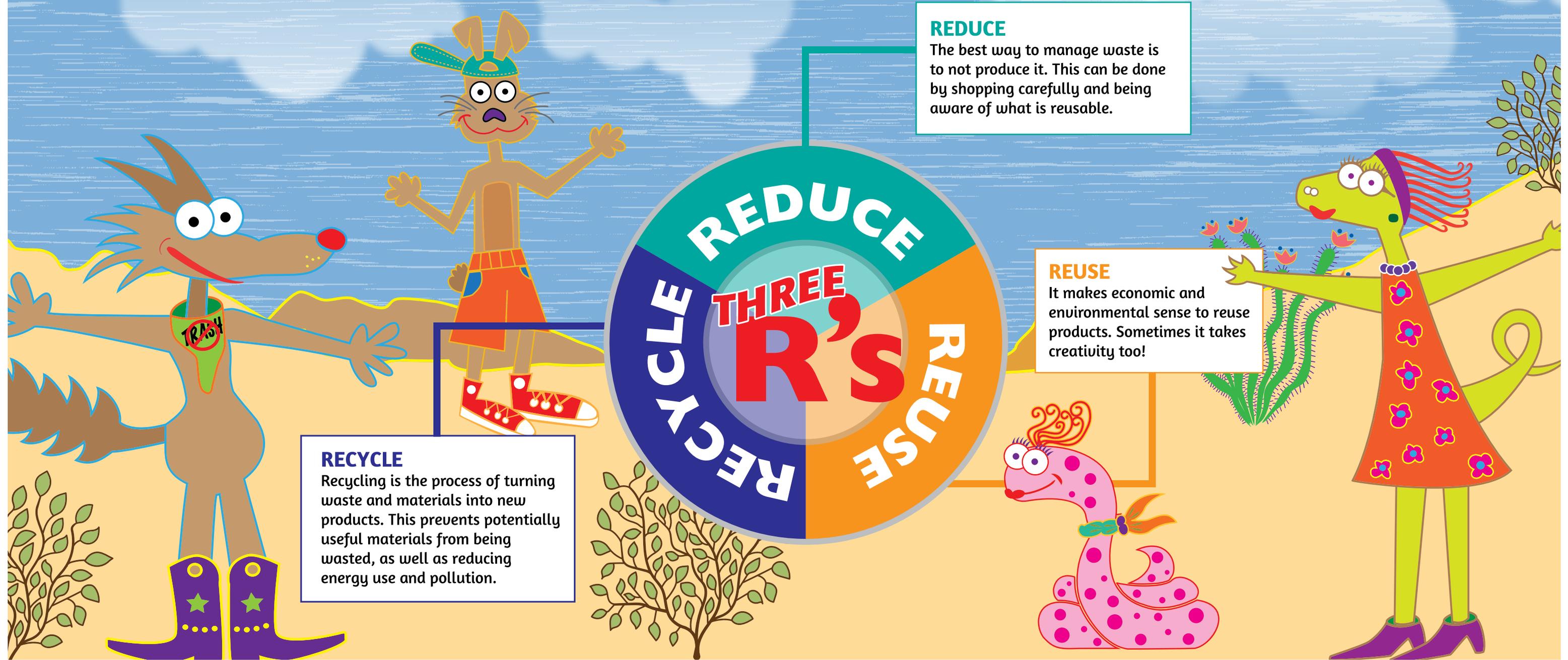
# WHERE AND HOW TO RECYCLE

Call your local **COLLECTION CENTER** to begin a recycling plan. Make sure your city or town has a pick-up service in place. If you live far away from this service you may have to bring your own recycling into a center for processing.

At **HOME** is where you can make the biggest difference to the amount you recycle. Make sure you have a **RECYCLE BIN** in your home. Keep it in an obvious place so you won't forget to use it. Talk to everyone in your household about where your recycling storage point is and what can be recycled.



# HOW TO PRACTICE THE THREE R'S



**REDUCE**  
The best way to manage waste is to not produce it. This can be done by shopping carefully and being aware of what is reusable.

**RECYCLE**  
Recycling is the process of turning waste and materials into new products. This prevents potentially useful materials from being wasted, as well as reducing energy use and pollution.

**REUSE**  
It makes economic and environmental sense to reuse products. Sometimes it takes creativity too!



Join Carlos and his friends as they clean up the community!  
Learn all about illegal dumping and about ways to recycle.  
Do your part to stop illegal dumping!



CARLOS the Coyote



SARA the Snake



LIZZIE the Lizard



JOHNNY the Jackrabbit

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