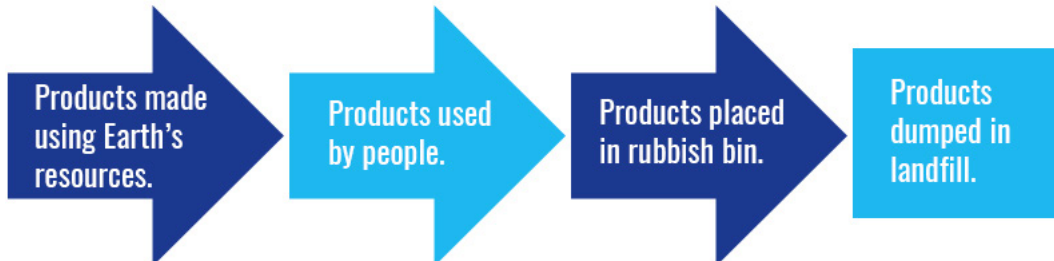


Say No To Waste!

Have you heard about closing the recycling loop?

When we put waste into the rubbish bin, it gets taken to landfill where it is dumped in huge piles and may contaminate ground, waterways and air as it breaks down over hundreds of years.



Once we have dumped waste, there is nowhere else for it to go. While some organic materials such as banana skins may take only weeks to break down, some items such as glass can take millions of years. At the rate that we are producing new items, if everything went to landfill, the Earth would soon run out of space and we would have an uninhabitable environment.

So, what's the loop?

By creating a recycling loop, we can reduce the amount of waste that goes to landfill and also stop using so many of the Earth's natural resources. The items we have already used can be recycled to create new ones and then when they have been used they can be placed back in the recycling bin again. This way we can stop putting as many things in the bin, and stop harming the Earth by taking its natural resources.



How can I help close the loop?

It's easy! All you need to do is:

- Make sure you recycle things you have finished with.
- Buy recycled products (like toilet paper and copy paper).
- Buy food and drinks in recycled packaging.

Not sure what has been recycled? Look for the Re+ logo on plastic products. This means it has been recycled at a Visy facility so it contains recycled content!



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