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Goodies



New
life
for

Drink cartons



MANY children like drinking beverages in cartons, from soya milk to lemon tea to fruit juices. These cartons are usually thrown away when the drink is finished. But according to a local green group, these drink cartons can be recycled as long as they are sorted correctly.

Editor's Note

Hi! I hope you all had a good summer holiday and are ready to start studying again. Primary students here study really hard and that is why most of them wear glasses. At least they do not feel embarrassed about wearing them as nearly everyone has a pair. I still have memories of kids calling me 'four-eyes'! But you need to protect your eyes or else they will get worse as you get older. Thankfully, some clever people have invented lenses that do this. I wish I had them when I was younger. My lenses are really thick now! Turn to P3 to learn more.



Simon



This means
I can drink
even more
soya milk!

No, this
means we
can help save
the Earth!





Sort and recycle your cartons

GREEN Power (綠色力量) has been collecting drink **cartons** so that they can be sent **overseas** and recycled.

Wasteful habits

ACCORDING to Green Power, 43,000 tonnes of drink cartons are thrown away in Hong Kong every year. One type is milk cartons, which is made of paper and plastic, and the other is aluminium (鋁) cartons, which is made up of paper, plastic and aluminium. Both are **recyclable**; for example, Japan recycles about 40 percent of such cartons. But currently in Hong Kong, all of them are sent to landfills.

What to do?

WHEN you have finished a drink carton, you should **flatten** it and cut it open. Then you should **rinse** it with water and sort them by their insides – whether it is aluminium or plastic. Ones with plastic insides are white, but ones with aluminium insides are silver. The plastic cap of larger cartons should be torn off before sending the carton out to be recycled.

Remember to rinse the drink cartons first!

What happens afterwards?

TAKE these rinsed and sorted drink cartons to Green Power collection points, such as the one at its main office in Mong Kok (旺角). All of the collection locations can be found on its Facebook page. These cartons will then be sent overseas. Some paper parts will become other paper products, while the other parts, especially aluminium, can be turned into **construction** materials.



Which currently cannot be recycled in Hong Kong?

A Juice cartons

B Newspapers

C Paper pamphlets

Answers on P12

Challenge

