

THE FOUR R'S

Good waste management follows the 4 Rs: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Recover, as well as avoiding illegal dumping and littering.



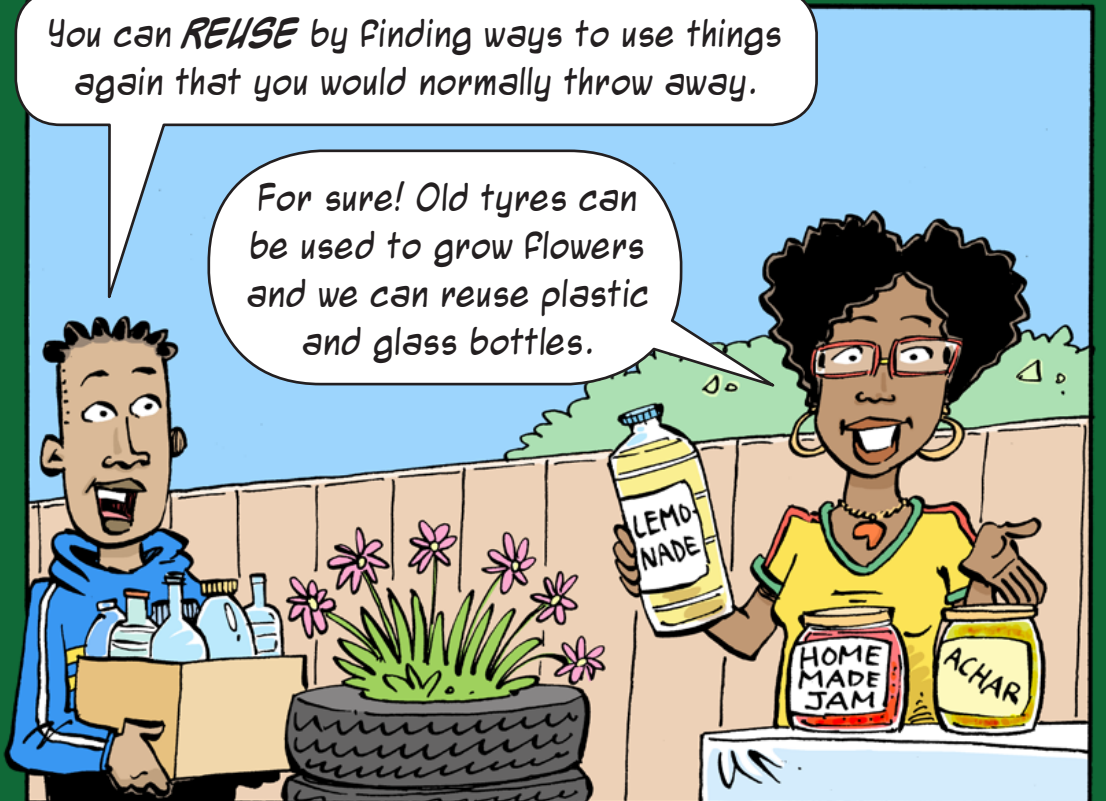
Did you know that the 4 Rs can help us to find **better ways** to **manage** our litter?

You can **REDUCE** by cutting down the amount of litter you produce. Try to buy products in bulk that are made from recycled material and use canvas bags instead of plastic packets.

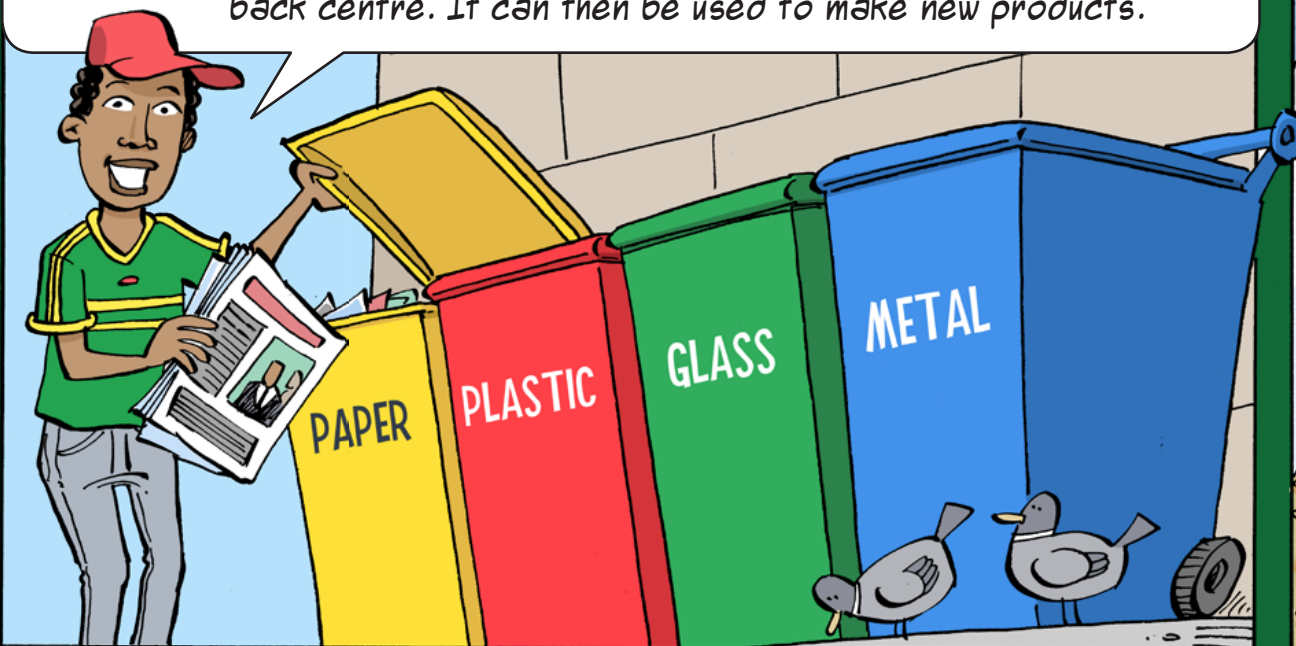


You can **REUSE** by finding ways to use things again that you would normally throw away.

For sure! Old tyres can be used to grow flowers and we can reuse plastic and glass bottles.



The third R is to **RECYCLE!** Recycle rubbish that cannot be reused. Collect all your rubbish, sort it into its different categories like paper, glass, metal and plastic, then put it in recycle bins or take it to a buy-back centre. It can then be used to make new products.



The last R is to **RECOVER**. You can convert waste into resources such as electricity, heat, compost and fuel.



Waste **harms** the environment and human beings.

It is important to ensure that waste is managed in a way that will **minimise** its harmful impacts.



Reduce . Reuse . Recycle . Recover

Are you making a difference?

Section 24 of the South African Constitution states: "Everyone has the right to an environment that is not harmful to their health or well-being."



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