Where does your homework go?

And all those old test papers? And the notes you took in history class? And the note you got from your friend? You probably threw all that stuff away, right? Well, did you think about recycling it?

Why recycle?

Recycling saves natural resources, energy, landfill space and helps reduce litter, too. Recycling also may save money.

Why paper?

We throw away more paper than anything else. In fact, about 40 percent of what we trash is paper or paperboard. Much of what we toss can be recycled - and it is. Paper and paperboard have an overall national recycling rate of about 40 percent.

What is made from recycled paper?

Magazines can be made into newspapers and paper towels. Newspapers can be made into more newspapers, notebook paper and cereal boxes. Notebook paper can be made into copy paper, newspapers and puzzle boards. Corrugated boxes can be made into more corrugated boxes.

What else can you do?

Reuse what you can. Recycle. If your school doesn’t have a paper recycling program, start one. Partner with a local business. And, of course, buy recycled products and products made of recycled materials.

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