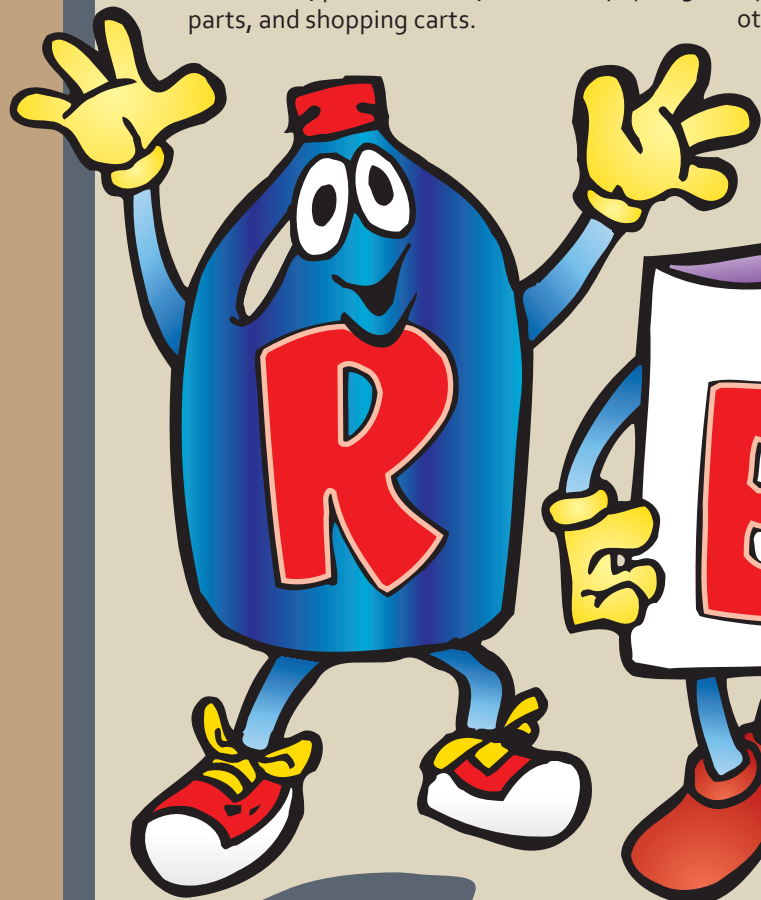


Milk Jug Guy

Recycled milk jugs are made into new containers, plastic lumber, car parts, and shopping carts.



Newspaper Guy

Recycled paper is made into notebook paper, grocery bags, envelopes, and other items.



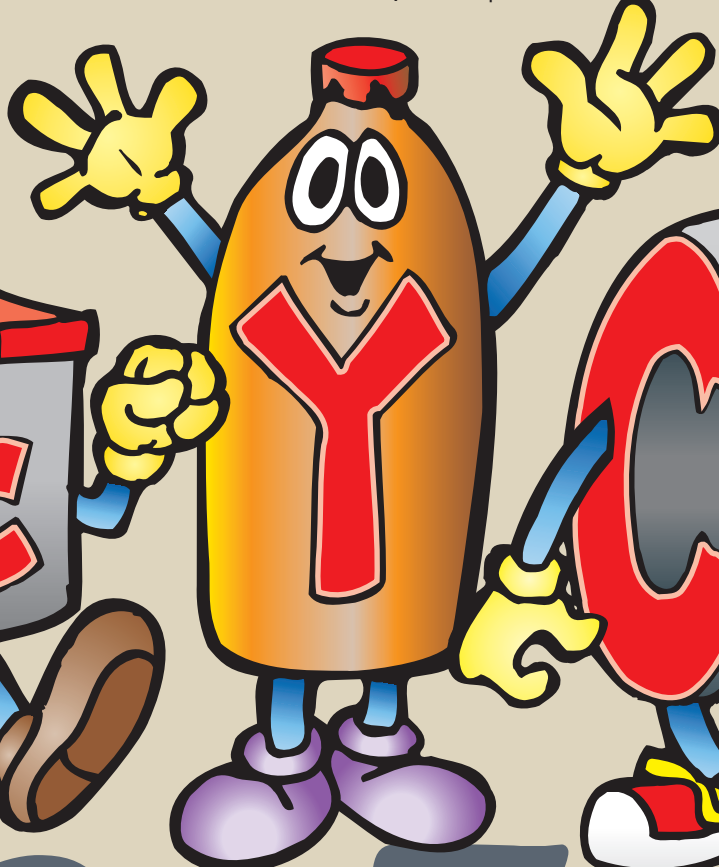
Battery Guy

Car and truck (lead-acid) batteries must be recycled in South Carolina – it's the law.



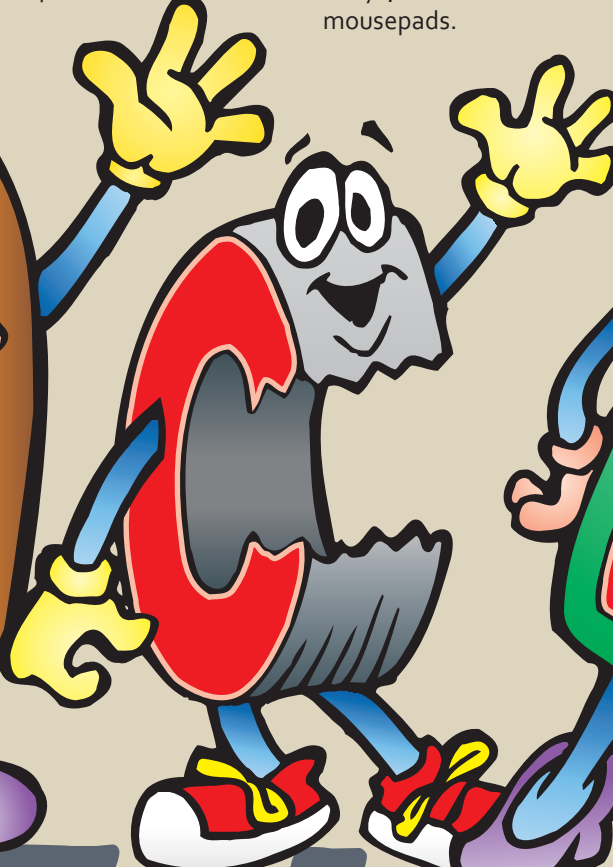
Plastic Bottle Guy

Recycled plastic soft drink bottles are made into new containers, T-shirts, stuffed animals, and carpet.



Tire Guy

Recycled tires are made into rubber for roads, mats, walkways, and even mousepads.



Dottie Bottle

Glass is 100 percent recyclable and can be recycled forever.



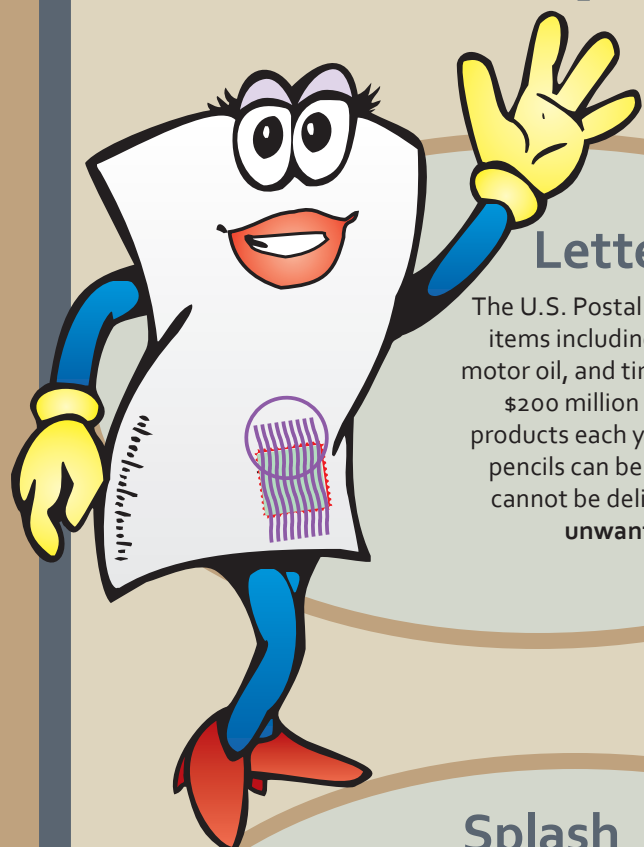
Can Guy

Recycled aluminum cans are made into new cans and may be back on the store shelf within six weeks of being recycled.



Guys & Friends

These Guys Can Teach You About Protecting the Environment!



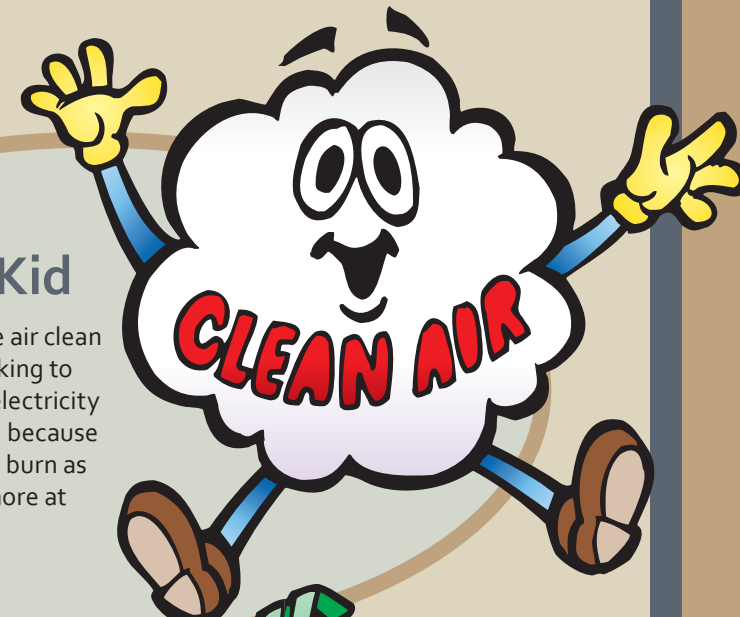
Letter Lady

The U.S. Postal Service recycles many items including paper, plastic, used motor oil, and tires, and buys more than \$200 million in recycled-content products each year. Did you know that pencils can be made from mail that cannot be delivered? Recycle your unwanted mail, too!



Backpack Guy

Many of your school supplies are made from recycled materials including backpacks made from plastic soft drink bottles and pencils made from recycled paper money. Buy recycled!

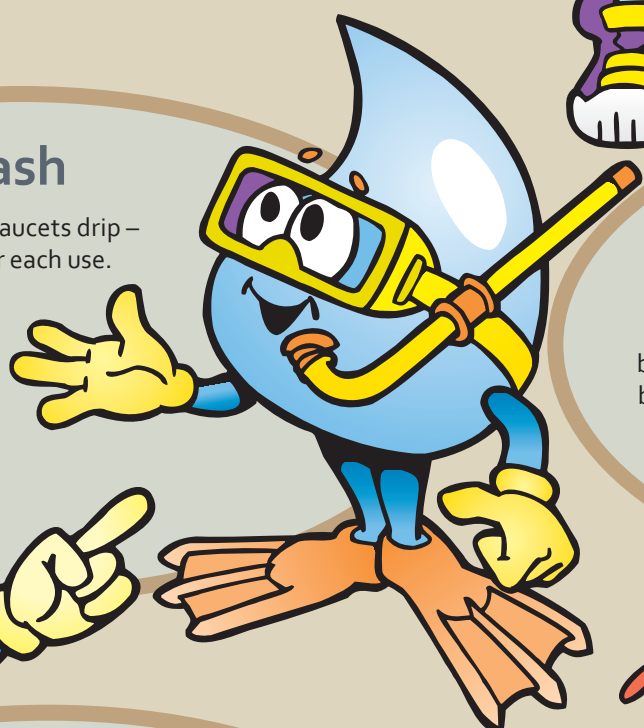


Clean Air Kid

Spare the air! Help keep the air clean by riding your bike or walking to nearby places. Conserving electricity also helps keep the air clean because power plants don't have to burn as much fossil fuel. Learn more at des.sc.gov/air.

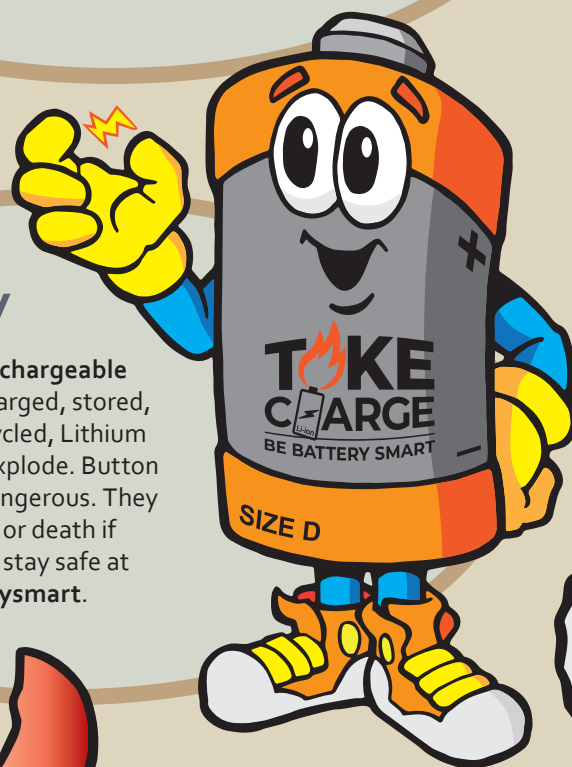
Splash

Conserve water! Don't let faucets drip – turn them off tightly after each use. Turn off the faucet when brushing your teeth. Keep a container of water in the refrigerator to avoid running water for a cold drink. Learn more at des.sc.gov/water.



Sparky

Stay safe when using rechargeable batteries! If improperly charged, stored, used, thrown away, or recycled, Lithium batteries can catch fire or explode. Button batteries are particularly dangerous. They can cause serious injury or death if swallowed. Learn how to stay safe at des.sc.gov/bebatterysmart.



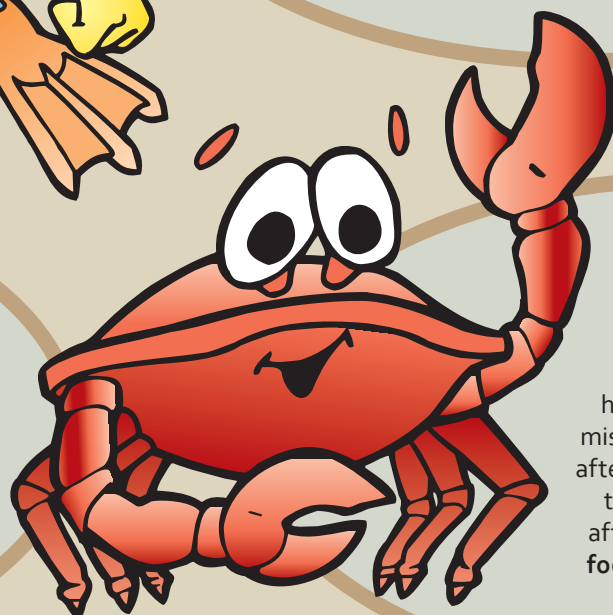
Compost Guy

Compost is nature's way of recycling. You can compost yard waste, like leaves and twigs, and many foods. Leave grass clippings on the lawn when you mow. It's a great way to add nutrients to the soil and saves work and time, too. Don't forget to compost! Learn more at des.sc.gov/compost.



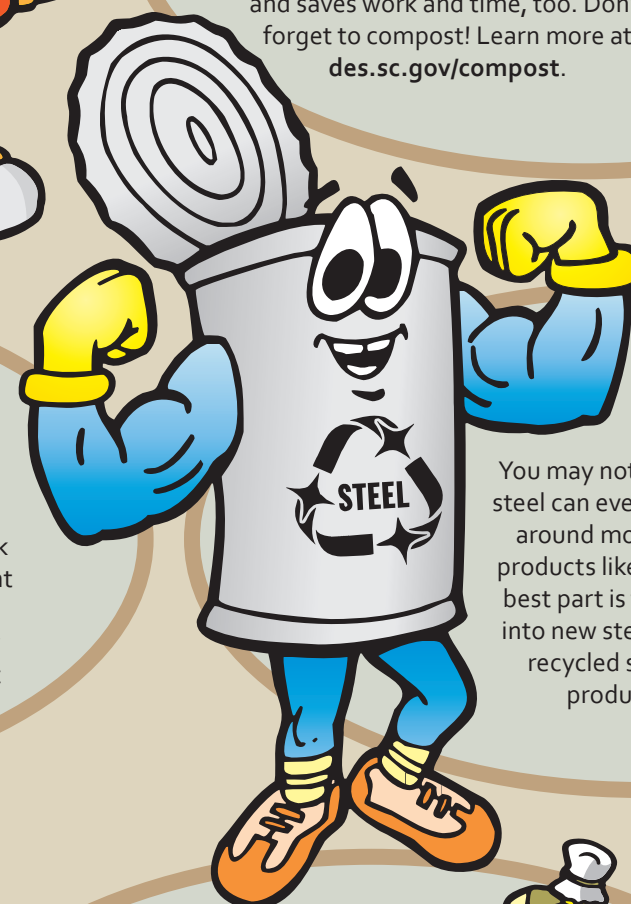
Ranger Can Guy

Remember to keep our state and national parks clean. Don't litter – put trash in its proper place. Take aluminum cans, plastic soft drink bottles, and newspapers home with you for recycling or recycle them at the park if possible. It's the right thing to do!



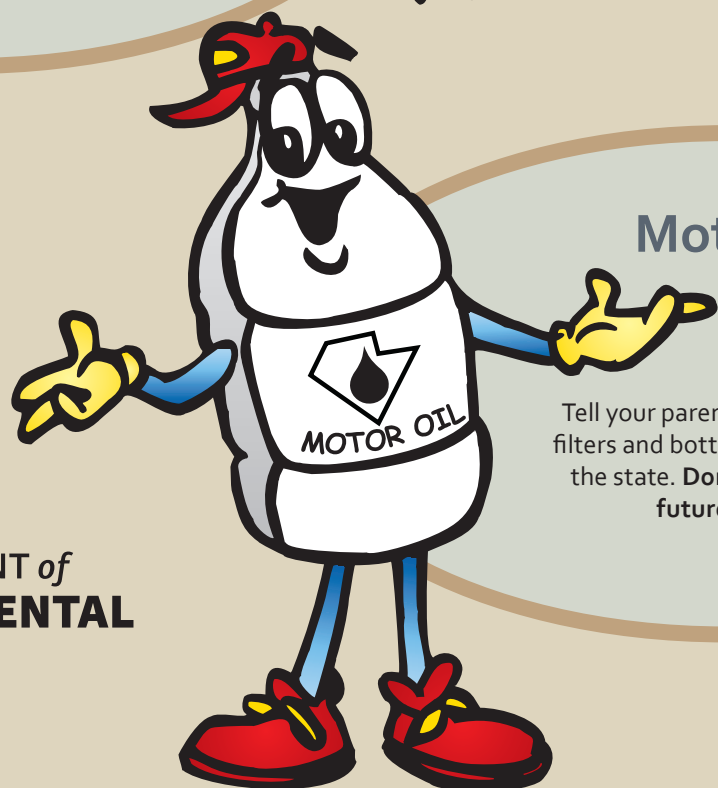
Curtis the Crab

The beach is not only a fun place to play, but it's also the home to hundreds of animals. Some animals mistake trash for food and become sick after eating it. That's why it's important to clean up all litter from the beach after a day of sun and fun. Leave only footprints in the sand! Learn more at des.sc.gov/ocrm.



Steel Can Guy

You may not know it, but you probably use one steel can every day. Steel cans, which have been around more than 100 years, package many products like soups, fruits, and vegetables. The best part is they can be recycled over and over into new steel products. All new steel contains recycled steel. In fact, when you buy steel products, you're buying recycled.

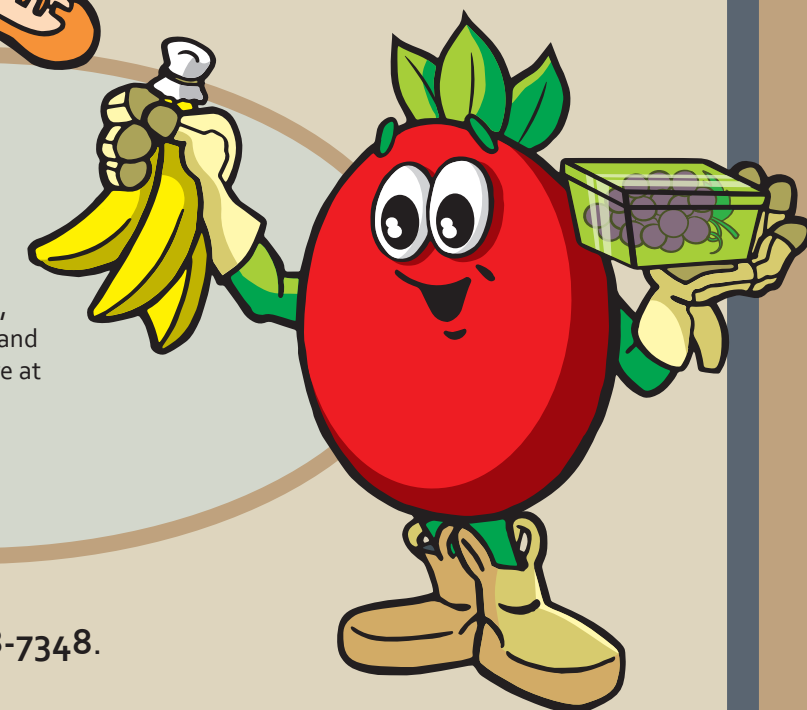


Motor Oil Guy

Careless dumping of used motor oil can harm aquatic life, wildlife, and water supplies. Tell your parents to recycle their used oil, filters and bottles at collection sites across the state. Don't pour South Carolina's future down the drain!

Romy

Don't Waste Food SC! Romy reminds us to plan ahead, shop smart, store foods properly, and donate unwanted food. Learn more at des.sc.gov/dwfs.



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