



# *G Is For Green*

*Easy-to-use tips, tricks and ideas to save the planet.*

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## **US Weekly, Martha Stewart and National Geographic Taking Up Too Much Space in Your Living Room?**

Magazines have a way of piling up month after month. One way to clean up the mess is to recycle them. Magazines are easy to recycle and accepted by all community recycling programs and paper bins.

Before those magazines end up in the recycling bin, consider the ways in which they can be re-used:

1. Drop them off at a local **doctor's office or laundromat**.
2. See if **residential homes or hospices** would be able to use them.
3. **Share them with coworkers**. Bring your magazines to work and get another "use" out of them.
4. Use them as **material for children's art projects** or school classes.

## **Getting the Word Out**

Many consumers are afraid to put magazines into paper bins, but the glossy paper does not contaminate paper recycling. Magazines are now accepted by all curbside recycling programs that collect paper.

According to the Magazine Publishers of America, only **20 percent** of magazines are recycled from the home.

Many of the nation's top publishers are working together to raise people's awareness of magazine recycling.



## **Where a Recycled Magazine Goes**

Once recycled, magazines cannot be used to make new magazines. However, they do help to make newspaper, tissue, writing paper and paper-board. Don't be shy about recycling magazines; recycled paper saves **60 percent** of the energy



## **Purely Plastic**

Bottle caps are made from a different plastic resin than the rest of the bottle. Remove the cap prior to placing in the recycling bin.

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