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MAKE YOUR TRASH A TREASURE

Recommended for: Brownie and Junior Girl Scouts and Girls 11-17

You must complete all five activities to receive the patch.

1. Research where recyclables can be taken in your community; whether for profit or to benefit other non-profit organizations. Find out if there are professional or governmental organizations in your community that deals with solid waste and recycling. (Your town manager or county manager can help).
2. With your family at home, separate glass, aluminum and newspaper from your family's garbage for one month and take it to the appropriate recycling center or organization.
3. Make a poster or informational sign promoting recycling and place it in a prominent place in your community to educate people about the need for recycling.
4. Arrange a visit to your county landfill or arrange an interview with your county Solid Waste Director or other official who can answer the following questions:
 1. How much waste is brought into the landfill daily? (tons)
 2. How is the waste handled once it enters the landfill?
 3. Is any of waste recycled at the landfill?
 4. How much is the cost per ton to dump waste at the landfill?
 5. What is the estimated life expectancy of the landfill? When is the estimated closing date?
 6. What can Girl Scouts do to help alleviate (or lessen) the solid waste problem in your community and state?
5. Have one of the following persons come visit your troop /group or take a field trip to their office to discuss solid waste and recycling in your area.

Mayor
City or Town Council Person
County Commissioner
Keep America Beautiful Rep.
Solid Waste Director

County Engineer
County Manager
Sanitation Director
City Manager
Solid Waste Hauler