

Recycling Match Up

Can you figure out which item on the left gets recycled into the item on the right?
Draw a line to match the descriptions.

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Recycling plastic takes 88% less energy than making plastic from raw material.



Five plastic bottles (PET) recycled provides enough fiber to create one square feet of carpet or enough fiber fill to fill one ski jacket.

Most plastic bottles are recycled into high-valued textiles.



Pollution is reduced by 95 percent when used paper is made into new sheets.

Wide-mouth containers are recycled into durable products.



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Recycling Match Up Answer Key

As you take up the answers, think about where you would dispose of the items on the right side – Garbage, Recycling, Organics or the Community Recycling Centre? Visit www.peelregion.ca/waste to find out how these items get sorted.

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