

“Use Baskets to Recycle!”

Dear Adam and Eve,

My mom doesn't want to recycle paper because she says it causes a mess in the house.

What can I do?

Thanks, Sarah

Dear Sarah,

Because you are old enough to recognize the importance of this, you are also old enough to help do something about it. Here is one way:

1. Get a nice basket or box a little larger than the size of a newspaper and put it in a convenient spot, say the den or laundry. At the end of each day, collect all the newspapers and junk mail, fold neatly and put them in the basket.

2. After your parents sort thru the mail, refold the throw-away mail neatly. Put this in a small paper bag and store on top of the newspaper basket.

3. Catalogs and old phone books, paper bags, etc can also be stored in your newspaper basket to recycle as well.

4. Ask your mom to get at least some of her shopping put in large paper bags each week.

5. On the evening before your curbside recycling, take 1 or 2 of the big paper bags you collected this week and put your newspapers, catalogs and large junk mail pieces in it. Place these bags along with the smaller bag of mail pieces at the curb in your recycle bin.

6. To complete this recycling mitzvah, bring the bin up from the street after it is emptied!

Remember . . . **Re-Think! Reduce! Re-Use! Recycle!**

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