

# Green Tip of the Month:

## Precycle Before You Recycle



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Precycling is trying to reduce waste by "pre-thinking" our purchases.

While recycling is, of course, a positive thing, it still requires energy to transport the materials, melt them down and then re-manufacture items. Precycling tries to avoid the amount of stuff that gets chucked into landfills AND the recycling bin to begin with. Here are some tips:

1. Buy in bulk, avoid individually wrapped items.
2. Buy items that come in recyclable packaging instead of non-recyclable.
3. Avoid junk mail.
4. Use a computer instead of reading "real" magazines and newspapers.
5. Bring your own utensils with you instead of using plastic ones.
6. Use cloth handkerchiefs and napkins. And of course, reduce and reuse as much as you can, first!

## It's Easy Being Green!

Coming this month Elden's first ever **Zero Waste Lunch Day.**

What is it? Simply put, make a lunch that generates no (or very little) trash. In a zero waste lunch everything can be eaten, reused, or recycled. Tips on making your child's lunch include using: a thermos, reusable lunch bag, reusable containers and metal silverware. The date of this event is Oct.21<sup>st</sup>; please help your child get involved and excited about recycling today and every day.

The Elden PTA asks that you

Save your Drink Pouches!!!!

**HONEST KIDS**

## Join the Drink Pouch Brigade™!

**TERRACYCLE™**

**TERRACYCLE™ IS HELPING YOUR NON-PROFIT EARN CASH!**

**1. Collect**  
Sign up as an individual or organization at [www.terracycle.net](http://www.terracycle.net) to collect used drink pouches.

**2. Ship**  
Ship your used drink pouches to TerraCycle. We pay for the shipping and \*\$0.02 will be credited to the charity or non-profit organization of your choice.

**PLEASE NOTE:** As of July 30th, the minimum number of pouches to be shipped to TerraCycle in a single shipment will be 500 pouches.

\*While we still provide free shipping on shipments less than 500 pouches, you will only earn \$0.02 per pouch for shipments of 500 pouches or more.

**3. Upcycle**  
TerraCycle will upcycle the diverted drink pouch material into unique products!

# Drink Pouch Brigade™

For More Information visit, [www.terracycle.net](http://www.terracycle.net)

\*All drink pouches pictured above and similar are accepted. Drink Pouches are counted based on weight using 0.009lbs, as the average weight of a drink pouch. \$0.02 will be earned for each 0.009lbs of eligible drink pouches. Honest Kids® is a registered trademark of Honest Tea. © Honest Tea, Inc. All Rights Reserved. The TerraCycle Logo and Brigades are Trademarks of TerraCycle™. © 2010. Please note, checks for less than \$5.00 in earned payments will not be cut until next charity payment period.

For every drink pouch we recycle. Terracycle will pay us \$0.02 a pouch.

Just place your pouches in the recycle bins located in the APR

If you have any questions please contact the **Green Initiatives Committee**.