



What is TerraCycling?

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TerraCycling is eliminating the idea of waste by recycling the "non-recyclable." Whether it's coffee capsules from your home, pens from a school, or plastic gloves from a manufacturing facility, TerraCycle can collect and recycle almost any form of waste. They partner with individual collectors, such as yourself, as well as major consumer product companies, retailers, manufacturers, municipalities, and small businesses across 20 different countries. With your help, they are able to divert millions of pounds of waste from landfills and incinerators each month.



Programs Thecasesolutions.com

TerraCycle offers free recycling programs funded by brands, manufacturers, and retailers around the world to help collect and recycle your hard-to-recycle waste. All you have to do is choose the programs you would like to join, start collecting in your home, school, or office, download free shipping labels, and send your waste to be re purposed. You can even earn TerraCycle points which are redeemable for charitable gifts, TerraCycle products, or a donation to a school or non-profit of your choice!

Examples of Free Recycling Programs

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Some examples of TerraCycle's free recycling programs are Drink Pouch Recycling Program: Capri sun, Colgate Oral Care Recycling Program, Colgate Wisp Recycling Program, Energy Bar Wrapper Recycling Program: Clif bar, Little Bites Pouch Recycling Program, and Personal Care and Beauty Recycling program.

Outcome



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For my project, I asked some of my family and friends to collect their non-recyclable items in a jar or bin. At the end of the year, I asked them to give me the items collected and I shipped them to TerraCycle to be re purposed. In total, I collected about 300 pieces of waste to ship to TerraCycle. My project had an impact on the community because the people that I have asked to collect their nonrecyclables, now know that there is a better solution then throwing away your garbage and may consider doing this program instead of throwing away their trash.

Research

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Over the past 100 years, the amount of waste that humanity produces has increased by almost 10,000 percent. It is estimated that 25 percent of waste ends up in our oceans, forming five gigantic gyres of garbage. Since only a small percentage gets recycled the majority is effectively mummified in landfills, leaching out methane and other toxic outputs over time. TerraCycle currently has 60,326,782 people recycling in their program and have recycled 3,250,204,772 pieces of waste. New materials and products will be made with your collected waste, reducing the need to extract new materials from the planet

Strengths of my Project Thecasesolutions.com

Some strengths of my project were:

- During my project, I collected more than 300 pieces of trash
- I informed people of a better way to dispose of your waste
- I learned about how waste affects our Earth

Weaknesses of my Project Thecasesolutions.com

Some weaknesses of my project were:

- Some of the people I asked to collect their waste, forgot to collect trash.
- I should have started my project earlier.