



The Recycling Circle

The recycling circle shows us how things are connected. The choices we make and the things we do can affect our island and our environment in positive or negative ways.

For example: if we choose to use a single refillable water bottle we save money, no waste is thrown into our landfill, and fewer new bottles need to be made.

When we choose to recycle an aluminum can, the metal can be made into something new. This uses much less energy and creates less pollution than mining aluminum ore out of the ground and processing it onto new metal. Also, the aluminum can will not end up in our landfill, where it can last for 100 years.

If we choose to throw our plastic bottles in the trash instead of recycling them, they will be added to the mountain of trash in our landfill, and can be bad for our environment. When plastic breaks down into smaller pieces over time, it can enter our oceans and harm marine life.

Can you think of your own examples of choices that are good for our island?



