

Increase Recycling Brainstorming Essay

Directions: Think about what you can do to increase paper recycling at your school or at home. On a separate piece of paper, take notes on what you plan to write. Draft the sentences and then revise them. Write your finished responses below.

- 1) At school, I can recycle more paper if I _____ .
- 2) At home, my family can recycle more paper if we _____ .
- 3) Do you know anyone who doesn't recycle at all? How would you encourage him or her to get involved? _____.
- 4) I've noticed that there's no recycling program at my (park, place of worship, local mall, other.) To change that, I could _____ .
- 5) I want people to know about how I've improved my recycling efforts. I will write a letter about it to the (local paper, my congressperson, a relative, a friend). This is what my letter will say (use additional sheet if needed):

Extra Credit:

Find the address of the person you wrote to in #5. Revise your letter so that it challenges the recipient to improve his or her recycling efforts too. Mail the letter. If you get a response, bring it and share it with the class. If your letter is addressed to a local newspaper and it's published or posted online, bring in a copy of the newspaper to share with your classmates.