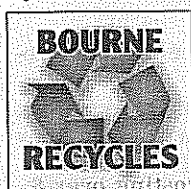


Buying Recycled

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If you are businesses and collected through a recycling program.

Recyclable products can be collected and made into new products after they have been used. They do not necessarily contain recycled materials. Pre-consumer material is that which

is recycled before it is used by a consumer, for example, paper mill scraps that are recycled at a paper mill.

Motto: read the labels. Buy as many recycled products as you can, particularly those with the highest percentage of postconsumer recycled content.

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- Collection: recyclable materials are collected, processed and sold to a manufacturing facility.
- Manufacturing: the recyclable materials are converted into new products and placed in stores.
- Buying Recycled: choosing products with highest percentage of "postconsumer recycled content."

Product labels can be confusing. A recycled product is made in whole or part from material recovered from items destined for disposal or recovered from industrial activities. If they contain less than 100 percent of recovered materials they are referred to as recycled-content products.

Recycled-content products include remanufactured commodities or recycled plastic lumber. They may also include excess or damaged items generated during normal manufacturing processes. A high percentage of recycled content is often found in items made from steel, aluminum, glass and plastic.

Postconsumer content refers to material from products that were already used by consumers or