



Help Mr. Billie Bote answer these simple questions. Use the **ANSWER BANK** below to fill in the blanks with the correct key words. Read carefully since you can only use the words once.



## ANSWER BANK

environment  
blue  
wood  
carbon dioxide  
sort  
landfills  
cardboard  
preserve  
pounds  
decomposition  
recycling

## What is Recycling?

Changing waste into new products is a process called \_\_\_\_\_. This process helps reduce the amount of garbage going to some big holes in the ground, called \_\_\_\_\_. The City of Laredo Recycling Program accepts paper, plastic containers, aluminum cans, steel and tin cans, and \_\_\_\_\_. These materials are placed in the \_\_\_\_\_ recycling bin. When we take the time to \_\_\_\_\_ our waste at home and collect it for the recycling cart instead of throwing it in the garbage can, we are thinking of our \_\_\_\_\_.

## Protect our Earth

Paper is made out of \_\_\_\_\_ pulp that comes from trees. When we recycle 1 ton of paper we help \_\_\_\_\_ 17 to 31 trees of being cut down to make new paper. Trees are important. A tree can absorb up to 50 \_\_\_\_\_ of carbon dioxide each year. \_\_\_\_\_ is a common greenhouse gas that escapes into the air. The other common greenhouse gas is methane gas. Garbage undergoes a process at a landfill called \_\_\_\_\_ that releases methane, a greenhouse gas.



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