

WHAT IS UPCYCLING?

Every person can engage in upcycling by creatively reusing and repurposing old or unwanted items to give them new life and function

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WHAT MATERIALS CAN BE UPCYCLED?



Textiles like old clothes, fabric scraps, and other textile materials can be converted into new items, such as tote bags, quilts, or repurposed clothing.

Glass bottles and jars can be reused as decorative pieces, storage containers, soap dispensers and craft projects, or even light fixtures.





Wooden materials, such as old furniture, pallets, or scrap wood, can be turned into new furniture, planters, or home décor items.

These materials are commonly upcycled to extend their lifespan and create new, useful, and often aesthetically pleasing items.

THE BENEFITS OF UPCYCLING



Promoting Economic Growth and Innovation

Upcycling encourages creativity and innovation by finding new uses for old items, which can lead to numerous business opportunities.

Reducing Waste

By creatively repurposing materials, we reduce the need for new raw resources, lower greenhouse gas emissions associated with manufacturing..



Supporting a Sustainable Future

Conserving natural resources and reducing energy usage foster a culture of responsible consumption.

Upcycling provides multiple benefits, including economic growth and waste reduction. By transforming discarded items into valuable products, it helps to conserve resources, promote eco-friendly practices, and inspire innovation.

UPCYCLING AND CIRCULAR ECONOMY



Upcycling plays a crucial role in a circular economy by extending the life of materials, reducing the need for new resources, and encouraging innovative solutions. By rethinking waste as a resource and creatively repurposing items, upcycling helps minimize environmental impact and supports a greener future.



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