Recycling is a three-step process that converts waste into raw material to make new products.

1. **COLLECTION & PROCESSING**
   - Items are collected either separately or together (single-stream). Then items are either...
   - 1. Taken to a Material Recovery Facility to be sorted, baled and sent to a recycling market; OR
   - 2. Baled material is sent directly to a recycling market.

2. **MANUFACTURING**
   - **Plastic bottles, jugs and jars** make new bottles, clothing, rulers and backpacks.
   - **Glass bottles, jugs and jars** make new bottles, jars and fiberglass.
   - **Newspaper and cardboard** become paper, pens, boxes and insulation.
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**DO NOT BAG RECYCLABLES!**
- Plastic bags are the No. 1 contaminant. Reuse, recycle at a grocery store or give to a food bank.

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**MANUFACTURING**
- **Plastic bottles, jugs and jars** are chipped, melted and remolded.
- **Glass bottles, jugs and jars** are ground into fine grains, melted and molded.
- **Newspaper and cardboard** are shredded, pulped, dried and flattened.
- **Steel and aluminum cans** are crushed, melted and flattened into sheets.

ONLY RECYCLE what is accepted in your program. Visit scdhec.gov/recycleheresc.