RACE TO RECYCLE
AN EARTH DAY GAME

INSTRUCTIONS

Ages 3 and up
2 – 4 players
15 minutes

Includes:
1 game board
24 Recycle Cards: paper, plastic, or glass products
Recycle Bin for collecting paper, plastic, and glass
1 Recycle Truck
1 die

Object
After a big, outdoor festival at the park is over, the grounds need some cleaning up. Can you help? Recyclable items need to be placed in the Recycle Bin, but there's not much time because the Recycle Truck is on its way! The object of the game is to help put the recyclable items in the bin before the Recycle Truck reaches it for pickup. But, uh-oh, a monkey is taking recyclable items and throwing them on the ground. Can you put them back in the Recycle Bin in time?

A Cooperative Game
Race to Recycle is a cooperative game, meaning all the players work together. Everyone wins (or loses) at the same time when all the recyclable items are in the Recycle Bin.

Set Up
Print out the board, cards, Recycle Truck, Recycle Bin, and die. Cut out the Recycle Cards on the lines. Cut out the Recycle Truck; fold and tape so it stands up. Cut out the Recycle Bin; fold and tape to make a box. Cut out the die; fold and tape to make a cube. Lay the board on a table. Place Bin in the bin area. Place the Recycle Truck at the Start space. Mix the cards and scatter them around the game board either face up or face down, but not on the board spaces. Place the die nearby.

How to Play
Roll the die and move the Recycle Truck that number of spaces. Collect the same number of Recycle Cards from anywhere around the board and place them in the Recycle Bin: paper, plastic, or glass. Then the next player rolls the die and so on.

Monkey Spaces
If you land on a monkey space, collect the number of Recycle Cards as the number rolled on the die to place in the recycle bin, but take one away. Place it near the game board to be picked up and recycled before the end of the game.

Recycle Spaces
When a player lands on a recycle symbol space, collect the number of Recycle Cards as the number rolled on the die, plus one extra Recycle Card. Place them in the Recycle Bin.

End of the Game
For the final roll of the die, collect the Recycle Cards equaling the number of spaces to reach the Recycle Bin—not the number on the die. When the Recycle Truck reaches the Recycle Bin, the game is over. If all the Recycle Cards were picked up and placed in the Recycle Bin before or by the time the Recycle Truck reaches the Bin, everyone wins! If some of the recycle items are still around the game board, the park will need more help getting cleaned up! You can scatter the Recycle Cards and play again. Think about what other ways, besides recycling, people can help save Earth.

WARNING: Choking hazard. Small parts. Not suitable for children under age 3.

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