

# **GLOBAL RECYCLING DAY** 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024

*Theme: “#RecyclingHeroes”*

## **About Global Recycling Day**

Global Recycling Day was first established in 2018 by the Global Recycling Foundation, a non-profit organization that aims to promote the importance of recycling and support sustainable development. The day is recognized by the United Nations.

This day serves as a reminder of the importance of recycling in preserving our planet's resources and mitigating environmental pollution. It also highlights the critical role of recycling in reducing waste, conserving energy, and combating climate change.

## **Mission of Global Recycling Day**

The mission of Global Recycling Day is rooted in the belief that recycling is not just a solution to waste management but a fundamental pillar of sustainability and environmental stewardship.

This day aims to foster a global movement that promotes the three R's – reduce, reuse, and recycle – as essential principles for conserving natural resources, reducing pollution, and mitigating climate change. By raising awareness about the benefits of recycling and advocating for increased recycling rates worldwide, the mission is to inspire individuals, businesses, and governments to take concrete actions toward building a circular economy where resources are used efficiently and waste is minimized.

Ultimately, the mission of Global Recycling Day is to create a more resilient and sustainable world for current and future generations by harnessing the power of recycling as a catalyst for positive environmental change.

## **Importance of Recycling**

- When we recycle, we lessen disruption to the natural world. When we cut down fewer trees and forests, we are preventing harm to animals. By reducing disruption and damage to the natural world, we help preserve ecosystems and wildlife.



- Recycling helps to conserve natural resources by reducing the need for raw materials extraction, which often involves destructive mining or drilling processes.
- Reusing materials such as paper, glass, plastic, and metals, can lessen our reliance on finite resources and preserve them for future generations.
- Recycling reduces energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions associated with the production of new goods.
- It also helps in minimizing the amount of waste sent to landfills, thereby mitigating pollution and preventing the release of harmful chemicals into the environment.
- It fosters the development of a circular economy, where materials are reused, remanufactured, and recycled to create a closed-loop system that minimizes waste and maximizes resource efficiency.
- Recycling plays a vital role in promoting sustainability, protecting ecosystems, and mitigating climate change.

## Benefits of Recycling

On Global Recycling Day people are encouraged to share these benefits of recycling:

- ◆ Reduces the use of raw materials needed to create new products.
- ◆ Conserves natural resources because new raw materials do not have to be mined, extracted, or harvested.
- ◆ Cuts back on energy and water consumption that would be otherwise used to manufacture new material.
- ◆ Keeps waste out of landfills.

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