

# THE ENGLISH WEEK EDITION



## GREEN HONG KONG

Going GREEN for ENGLISH WEEK (what's in this issue)...  
Different environmental symbols, logos, vectors, icons, and  
images - How YOU can help Hong Kong and the planet - Tell us  
your thoughts on the environment, and submit your own icon :)

# OUR ENVIRONMENT



It's English Week at SPSS, and this time around it's all about the environment. We're looking at some of the different ways we can help our planet (and help Hong Kong at the same time). So, how can **YOU** make Hong Kong that little bit greener, that little bit more environmentally friendly, and save a little bit of money at the same time? Let's take a look...

## **Top 5 ways we can REDUCE waste in Hong Kong**

1. Avoid 'single use' food and drink containers.
2. Don't overbuy (you will save money & the environment).
3. Avoid excessive packaging on things that you buy.
4. Say "no" to straws in your drinks.
5. Buy second-hand and re-donate when you're done.



## **REUSING things is responsible (and can save you money)**

1. Use a 'bag for life'. It's easy, cheap (and some are trendy).
2. Reuse a metal water bottle. It's hygienic and lasts longer.
3. Use your own take-out containers in restaurants.
4. Old glass jars are free and an easy way to store things.
5. Try to reuse most of your things before recycling them.



## **Hong Kong top 5 RECYCLING tips**

1. Don't throw old clothes away, take them to a clothes bin.
2. Black plastic cannot be recycled. Buy wisely & recycle well.
3. Rinse your recyclables (if they are unclean).
4. Electronics can be recycled (you can get cash for them).
5. Look online for places to recycle different materials:  
<https://www.wastereduction.gov.hk/en/quickaccess/vicinity.htm>



## **A few other TOP TIPS**

1. Walk more! If you do use transport, try to make it public transport (like a bus or the MTR).
2. Always turn things off when you're not using them.
3. Think local! Shop local & buy local (it helps the planet, and it supports Hong Kong = double WIN!



# IMAGES, ICONS, SYMBOLS & LOGOS

Let's take a look at some of the images, icons, symbols and logos that we often see when talking about climate change and saving the planet.



**Paper recycling** is a great way to save trees and make the planet greener. Be sure to remove staples and paperclips.



**Metal recycling** also preserves the planet's natural resources. It is recommended you rinse the metal before recycling it.



**Plastic recycling** can often be confusing. Always read the label and try to separate items into the correct bins.



**Glass recycling** is possible for ALL types of glass. When glass is recycled properly, it loses none of its original quality.



**Food waste recycling** is not common in H.K. It's best to order small, and save leftovers for later.



**Garden waste** is limited in H.K. but is a good way to make compost (to help old plants feed new plants).



Not everything can be recycled, and some things should be disposed of in the **household waste**.

# IMAGES - WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

Let's take a look at some more colourful images and logos. Some of these are obvious, some may seem familiar, and some you will have to use your brains to guess correctly. Try matching the images with their descriptions.



	<b>WWF</b> – Wildlife protection across the planet (land and water)
	<b>Clean Air Network</b> – Helping to educate on clean air in Hong Kong
6	<b>Save water</b> – Every drop counts
	<b>Hong Kong Cleanup</b> – Famous for their beach cleanups around H.K.
	<b>Greenpeace</b> – Raising awareness of environmental issues for 50+ years
	<b>The Green Earth</b> – Educating Hong Kong people about our environment
	<b>Turn off electricity</b> when you're not using it (lights, air conditioners, etc.)
	<b>Friends of the Earth</b> – Finding Justice for planet earth and her animals
	<b>Recycle</b> as much as you can

# ENVIRONMENT CROSSWORD

See if you can finish this crossword puzzle. Using the clues below, and the information in this newsletter (answers in the next newsletter). Good luck!

## ACROSS

2. Earth Day is during this month
4. To use something more than once
5. Trying to use less
6. This colour plastic cannot be recycled
8. Together, let's slow down climate \_\_\_\_\_
12. Use this bag to reduce (plastic) waste
13. Say "no" to these when buying a drink



## DOWN

1. A colour that reminds us of the environment
3. Aluminium, steel, tin, copper
4. Reduce, reuse, \_\_\_\_\_
7. Remove staples before recycling this
9. This greenhouse gas increases global warming
10. Can't eat it today? Save it for \_\_\_\_\_
11. This loses no quality when it's recycled

Write down an important thing about the environment that matters to you. Is it pollution, climate change, habitat loss, or something else? Explain why it is important to you.

Draw a symbol, an image, or an icon about saving the environment.

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