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## How to Recycle Anything

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Your beach ball sprang a leak. Can you toss it into the plastics bin? Find out in this A-to-Z guide

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**Hangers (plastic).** These are not widely accepted at recycling centers, because there aren't enough of them coming through to make it worthwhile. However, some cities, such as Los Angeles, are equipped to recycle them. You might consider donating them to a thrift store.

**Hangers (wire).** Some dry cleaners and laundromats will reuse them. Otherwise, they can be recycled with other household metals. But be sure to remove any attached paper or cardboard first.

**Hearing aids.** The Starkey Hearing Foundation (www.sotheworldmayhear.org) recycles used hearing aids, any make or model, no matter how old. Lions Clubs also accept hearing aids (as well as eyeglasses) for reuse; log on to www.donateglasses.net/hearingaids.html to find designated collection centers near you.

**Holiday cards.** After they've lined your mantel for two months, you could throw them into the recycling bin...or you could give them a whole new life. St. Jude's Ranch for Children (www.stjudesranch.org), a nonprofit home for abused and neglected youths, runs a holiday-card reuse program in which the kids cut off the front covers, glue them onto new cards, and sell the result – earning them money and confidence.

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