

## RECYCLING TECHNOLOGIES

What are some innovative recycling initiatives or technologies that are making a positive impact on the environment?

**READ THE TEXT and choose one of the titles given below (A-F) to match each paragraph (1-6). Listen and check your answers.** 

- A. Single-stream recycling                      B. Plastic recycling innovations  
C. Waste-to-energy technologies                D. Eco-friendly packaging  
E. Upcycling initiatives                         F. Smart recycling bins

There are several innovative recycling initiatives and technologies that are having a positive impact on the environment. Here are a few examples:

1. \_\_\_\_\_: This is a recycling system where all recyclable materials (like paper, plastic, glass, and metal) are collected and processed together. It makes recycling more convenient for people and increases overall recycling rates.
2. \_\_\_\_\_: These are special bins equipped with sensors that automatically sort recyclable items. They use artificial intelligence and machine learning to identify and separate different types of waste, making the recycling process more efficient and reducing contamination.
3. \_\_\_\_\_: These technologies convert non-recyclable waste into electricity, heat, or fuel. They help reduce the amount of waste sent to landfills while generating clean energy.
4. \_\_\_\_\_: Several new technologies are being developed to efficiently recycle plastic waste. For example, chemical recycling breaks down plastics into their original building blocks, allowing them to be used for creating new plastic products.
5. \_\_\_\_\_: Companies are increasingly adopting sustainable packaging materials and reducing the use of single-use plastics. Biodegradable and compostable packaging options are being developed to minimize waste and pollution.
6. \_\_\_\_\_: Upcycling means transforming waste materials into new products of higher value. This creative approach reduces waste generation and saves resources.

