

# If I Were President, I Would Motivate My Country by Leading by Example

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If I were President and I wanted my country to recycle more, I would first give a speech asking my fellow citizens for help. In the speech, I would explain about the need to recycle and why it is important to the planet. For example, recycling saves energy and natural resources. Recycling saves forests from being chopped down or turned into landfills. It also saves oil from being turned into new plastic. The other thing I would say would be about what happens to things that are not recycled, but could be. Those things would go to a landfill and might take up to one million years to decompose, when they could be made into new things. Some trash that could be recycled never makes it to the landfill. The trash may end up in streets, and then down drains, and finally in the ocean.

I would also describe how my presidential family is recycling at the White House. I would try to persuade my fellow Americans to follow my lead. I would use many resources like the Internet, radio, television, and my speeches to tell the world everything that my family recycled every week and ask everyone to do the same. I would tell them how much my family recycled and where I recycled the things. Not only would I challenge American families to recycle, but I would also challenge governors and mayors to join me and share their recycling information, too.

The last thing that I would mention would be the prize to the city that recycles the most. That prize would be a visit from me, the President, to the city that recycles the most. In that visit I would give a short speech to the people living there, visit the schools and talk about recycling, and give a special certificate to the city. I would try to come and go in my helicopter.

I am not the President of the United States of America, and I might never be, but I care about the Earth, our only home, and I want to help preserve it. The natural beauties that Earth provides are one-of-a-kind, and we cannot renew them once they are gone. The best way to keep them the way that they are is to recycle. Reducing trash by recycling protects our natural resources. Another way to reduce trash is to reuse. Instead of throwing useful things away, it is a good idea to donate them to a thrift shop or a place like the Salvation Army so that someone else can find them and get a lot of use out of them. Also, shopping at places that sell used items is a way to reuse. These are easy ways to recycle that I would encourage everyone to do now.

Recycling is important to me because if people do not recycle, the world will change, and not in a good way. If I were President, recycling would be one of the most important issues. It would be at the top of the list. This would also help do something about our slowly warming planet.