

# TRANSFORMING TRASH INTO TREASURE

THE RECYCLABLE MATERIALS ARE BUNDLED AND BALED. ONCE LOADED INTO THESE TRUCKS, THEY ARE SOLD AND SENT TO MAKE NEW PRODUCTS - LIKE A WATER BOWL FOR ME!

TRASH AND RECYCLABLES ARE SEPARATED ALONG THE CONVEYOR BELT. SOME PILES ARE PRESORTED ON THE FLOOR TOO. MUCH OF THIS WORK IS DONE BY HAND.

THE STUFF THAT IS NOT RECYCLABLE (WASTE) IS PUSHED INTO PITS WHERE TRUCKS WITH CONTAINERS ARE WAITING UNDERNEATH TO BE FILLED. ONCE FULL, THE CONTAINERS ARE HAULED TO A LANDFILL EITHER BY TRUCK OR TRAIN.

HI, I'M MURF THE RECYCLER, AND I AM HERE TO SHOW YOU HOW THE PUENTE HILLS MRF WORKS.

TRASH TRUCKS ARE WEIGHED TO DETERMINE HOW MUCH TRASH IS COMING IN.

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Wouldn't it be nice if your trash could go to a place where it could be separated into recyclable materials? Now it can at the new state-of-the-art Puente Hills Materials Recovery Facility or MRF (pronounced "murf"). A MRF is a facility that processes trash and recovers recyclable materials, such as paper, plastic and metal. The recyclables are used to make new products and the waste is disposed at landfills using trucks or trains.

The process works with the help of machinery, organization and people. Check out the process in this illustration. You can see that it takes a lot of work to make sure we are recycling as much as possible. Remember, you can do your part by recycling at home, or even better, use products that are reusable and avoid making waste. For more information please visit [www.lacsd.org](http://www.lacsd.org).

