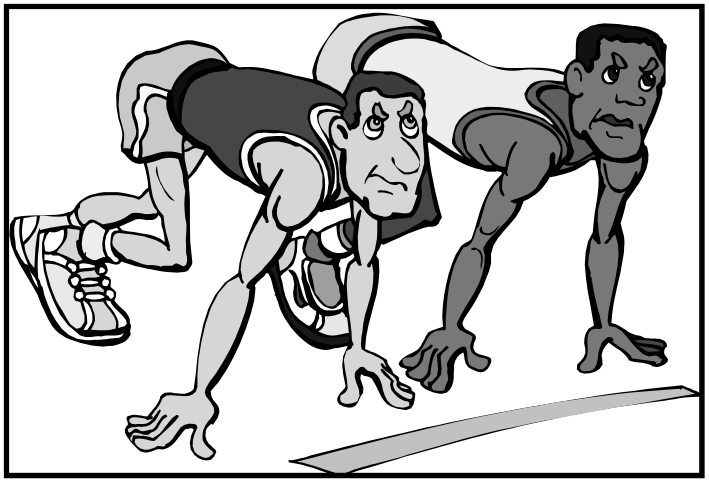

# Recycling is just the Start !

**You're a Winner !!** As a faithful recycler, you've been playing an important role in doing what's best for our environment. In fact, for many of us, recycling was the start in awareness of our environment. Now that recycling has become a commonplace term in the household, another teammate has joined the environmental awareness race: ***Pre-cycling.***

## What is Pre-cycling?

Pre-cycling is thinking about waste ***before*** recycling or disposal time. You need to make good decisions when making purchases to save resources and stop waste at it's source ***before*** it happens.

## Think It Through……..

### 1.

**Before Shopping, ask yourself..**

- What do I need to do the job?
- Do I already have a product that will do the job?
- How much do I really need?
- When and where will I use it?
- How much will be left when I use it?

### 2.

**While shopping, reflect upon your real needs..**

- Will this product last a long time?
- Which package makes the least waste?
- What does the label say?
- Does the product serve my needs?
- What size do I really need?

### 3.

**Take care of the product and its packaging properly..**

- Share or donate any leftovers.
- Repair it instead of replacing it.
- Reuse or refill it if possible.

### 4.

**After finishing using the product..**

- Recycle the packing.
- Dispose of it properly—only as a final option!

*Reducing waste is so easy...you may already be doing it. Just remember to think it through!*