

# THE PANTRY PROJECT

THINK BEYOND RECYCLING



## SEND US YOUR PANTRY PHOTOS

We are all aware of the benefits of a well-stocked pantry during the pandemic. What else can we learn by studying our behavior at home? As a group, let's become more aware of the 3 part global plastic problem.

- Plastic isn't really being recycled.
- Billions of plastic items are in the ocean.
- People still buy bottles, straws & bags.

In the spirit of citizen science and collage art, take photos of your food container research. Then post:  
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### INVENTORY

List of the foods and their packages in your pantry. Put the number in the boxes below.

#### Types of Boxes.

- Cereal/Pasta
- Crackers/Snacks
- Other

#### Types of Plastic

- Bottles
- Wrapper/Pouches
- Other

#### Types of Cans

- Soup
- Fruit/veggies
- Other

#### Types of Glass

- Drinks
- Sauces
- Other

#### Don't Forget :

- Count items in refrigerator & freezer.
- Some items (cereal) have double packaging.

**Did You Know?** Most plastics even with a code are not recycled. It costs less to buy new plastic.

**Awash in Plastic:** The first plastic bottles were sold in 1973. Plastic became a convenient choice and replaced glass bottles. Now with billions of plastic in landfills and the ocean, we have a vast and serious problem.

**What would it take to eliminate plastic from our pantries?**

#### PANTRY COUNT RESULTS:

Total Boxes \_\_\_\_\_

Total Plastics \_\_\_\_\_

Total Cans \_\_\_\_\_

Total Glass \_\_\_\_\_