



Oscar

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Community Outreach

Oscar hosts “No time to waste” events like **toy drives and clothing drives**, and hosts plastic bag and film pick-ups to clear landfills and oceans of them, making these recycling service **more accessible to communities**, especially to those without recycling programs.



Community Outreach

At these events **recycling guides** will also be passed out to community members, making recycling **simpler in the home**.

These events are community based, so the information will be specific to the recycling **rules of that community** along with the schedule.



Tips

Clean out your containers.
Your waste can contaminate the other materials, making that batch unrecyclable.

Throw out or cut out greasy sections of used paper.
This includes pizza boxes and fast-food take out containers.

Broken glass is sharp and dangerous.
Protect waste management employees by wrapping broken glass in a marked as sharp cardboard box or plastic bag and throw it out.

Label your bins.
Labeling your bins in your home can make sorting easier. Labeling your

Flatten your cardboard boxes.
Flattening boxes is to maximize available space in your homes, recycling bins, and trucks.

Separate materials when possible, if you can not do it easily, it probably is not recyclable.
Even though glass and metal go in the same bin separate glass jars from the metal lid. Items like chip bags, candy wrappers, juice pouches, and refrigerated paper boxes are not recyclable.

Do not recycle grocery bags or plastic films, find a local drop-off site.
Plastic bags clog sorting machines and pose a threat to workers who have to remove them from the machinery. Try reusing them.

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Dual-Stream Recycling

What does that mean?
Recyclable **paper** is sorted separately from **plastics**, **glass**, and **metals** into different bins. **Paper** goes into green labeled bins. **Plastic**, **glass**, and **metals** go into blue labeled bins. General trash goes into a unlabeled bin.

Benefits of Dual-Stream recycling.
This allows for more waste to be recycled because of lower contamination levels producing a higher quality of recycled material


Plastic


Metal


Glass


Paper


General


Compost


Blue Bin


Green Bin


Dark Bin


Brown Bin

 Place in Green bin with your other paper

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What to recycle

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Plastic


Metal


Glass


Paper

Look for plastic # 1, 2, and 5.
Recyclable plastics should always be washed before placed into a bin. Some items say recyclable but only at drop-off locations like plastic bags.

Cleaned metal cans, aluminum foil (including wine bottle foil), empty aerosol cans, metal caps and lids, metal hangers, and fully metal household items like pots, tools, license plates, and more are recyclable.
Compressed gas tanks and large items require special pickup, contact your local waste management for details.

Recycle clean jars and bottles.
Glassware, eyeglasses, glass tables, glass windows, light bulbs, and mirrors cannot be recycled.

Recycle mixed paper, newspaper, magazines, catalogs, and phone books, and cardboard.
All boxes should be grease and clean and should be collapsed as flat as possible.

clean your trash

before recycling plastics, glass, and metals.

Pick-up days

sun	mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	sat
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General

*bags should be placed outside the night before from 4pm to midnight

Learn more on the **Oscar App** 



Oscar the App

Oscars reaches even more communities through its **recycling application**, giving its users insight and information about their waste.



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The **Dashboard tab** allows users to quickly find answers to recycling questions about specific items or materials along with a quick view of the tracker.



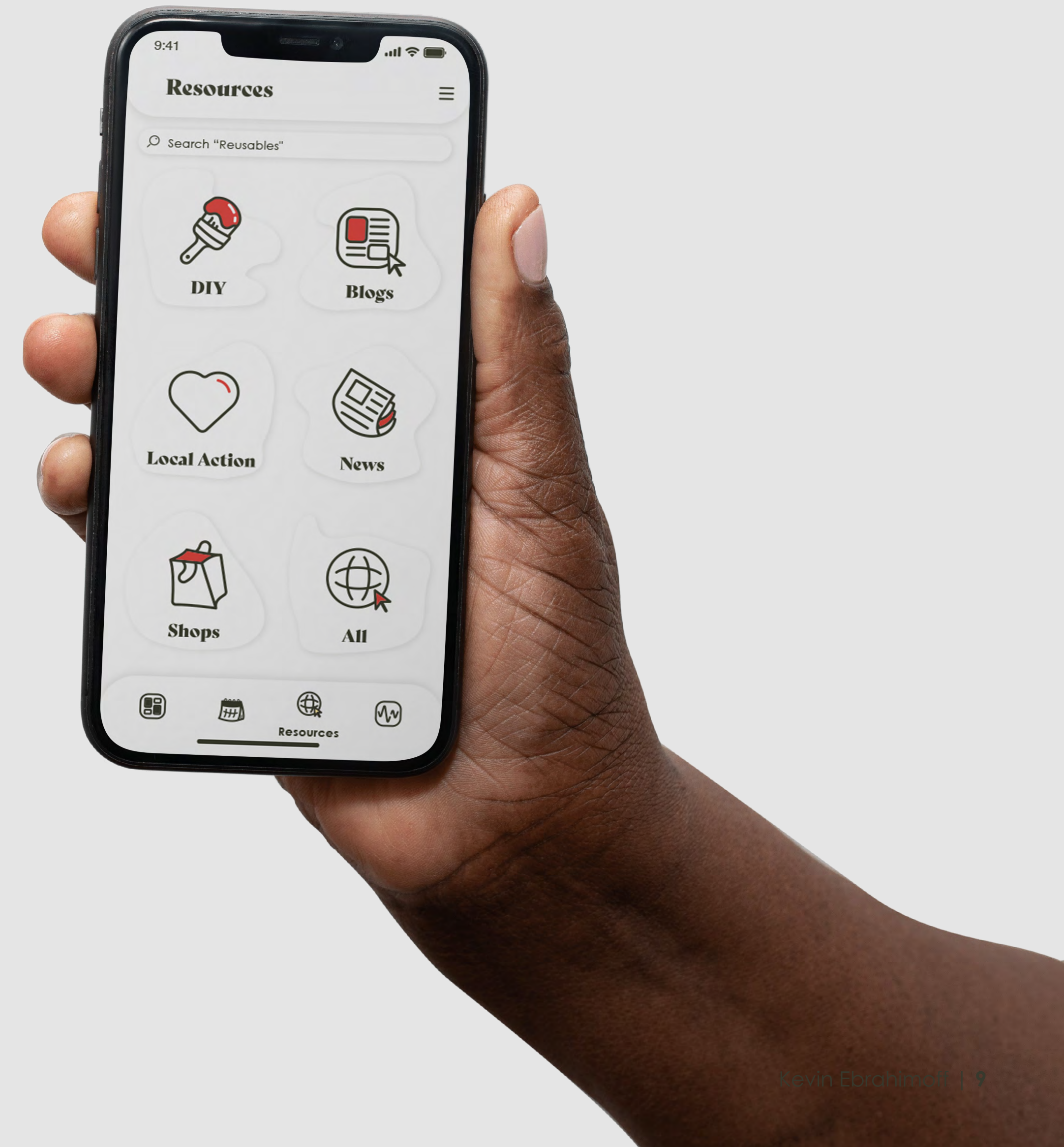
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In the **Schedule tab** users can see their personal trash pickup days along with possible upcoming Oscar “No time to waste” events.



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The **Resources tab** provides educational tools to living a sustainable lifestyle and learning how to help the planet.



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The **Tracker tab** allows users to understand their impact, comparing their emissions to everyday items like water bottles and plastic bags.



