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The night before Christmas, Green, Gray and Blue pay a special visit to Kevin.
Last year, your Dad was confused and took your Christmas tree to the landfill. You didn’t tell him to cut the tree and put it in me. You must spread the spirit of recycling!

Sorry Green, I will make sure my Dad knows to give you our tree this year.

The clock strikes one. Green visits Kevin as the Ghost of Christmas Past.
Gray visits as the Ghost of Christmas Present.

All the trash you throw in me is taken to H-Power and burned to make electricity. Together we can light up the holiday!

Wow, you look great!
Quite right Kevin! But you forgot Leslie and Tommy, your little sister and brother. They don't have the spirit of recycling yet, but they could if you help them.

I know! All the plastics, metal, glass and paper we put in you are recycled to make NEW things, so you must be the Ghost of Christmas Future!
Oh good. It's not too late! Dad, I have something very important to tell you about the Christmas tree... and we have to help Tommy learn to recycle...

...and Leslie needs to know it's not HUMBUG to recycle, but she never listens to me... Hey, guys, maybe Leslie needs her own ghostly visitation... Ghosts?

**Christmas Day**: And it was always said of Kevin and his family, that they knew how to keep Christmas well in the spirit of recycling.
Where Does It Go?

Newspaper  Christmas tree  Plastic water bottle & cap  Cereal box  Liquid laundry detergent & cap

Plastic bag  Shampoo bottle & cap  Waxed paper milk carton  Glass jelly jar & lid  Aluminum soda can
Can you SORT IT OUT like Kevin did?

Draw a line from each thing to the correct cart or truck.
Holiday Trash Tips

During the holiday season, even our garbage becomes more colorful and fragrant and bountiful with wrapping paper, boxes and Christmas trees. Here are a few tips for taking care of your garbage through all of the good cheer.

Keep your street glittering with decorations, not trash. Put your trash and recycling out at the curb only on collection days. It’s not nice to just leave your garbage or the containers out at the curb all the time.

Recycle your Christmas trees. Cut trees and put into your green cart for curbside collection or drop off into the big green waste bin at the nearest Refuse Convenience Center.

Remind your family and friends to recycle all the cans and bottles from holiday gatherings. And make sure to recycle the big cardboard boxes from those super toys and gifts.

Beware: New Year’s fireworks and garbage can be a dangerous mix. Please make sure your refuse and recycling carts are closed and placed out of the way. Dispose of fireworks properly.

Remember: No garbage or recycling collection on Christmas Day and New Year’s Day. These are the only days when all of the workers get to take a holiday and be home with their families. If your trash day falls on these days, the workers will collect it the very next day. For recycling, please hold it for the next scheduled collection day.

Go to opala.org or call 768-3200 to find out everything you need to know about trash this holiday season and all year ‘round.
SORT IT OUT at Home!

**Blue**
- Metal cans
- Aluminum / Steel
- Glass bottles and jars
- Plastic containers
- Newspaper
- Corrugated cardboard boxes
- White and colored office paper
- Paper bags

**Green**
- Leaves
- Branches
- Grass
- Weeds
- Christmas trees

**Gray**
- Whatever is left
- Trash
- Plastic bags
- Telephone books
- Cereal boxes
- Junk mail
- Magazines
- Paper plates, napkins
- Other plastics
- Other glass
- Bottle caps and lids

**TIPS:**
- No bags in the blue and green recycling carts. Deposit it all loose for easy sorting & processing.
- Always, always bag all your trash in the gray cart, to prevent litter, odor and flies.

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