

How Used Hilton Hotel Soaps Get Recycled

A. Thinking Questions:

1. When was the last time you lived in a hotel?
2. Do you like using soaps and shampoos that hotels provide?
3. What happens to the soap and shampoos after you use them in a hotel?



B. Word Definition: Connect the word with its correct meaning:

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| complimentary | change the shape |
| single-use toiletries | send out or delivery out |
| recycle | give away for a good cause |
| sterile | convert into a reusable product |
| donate | free of charge |
| distribute | soap or shampoo for one-time use |
| remold | totally clean |

C. Video Questions: These questions test your understanding of the video.

1. Why is it important to wash your hands with soap? Handwashing prevents diseases such as pneumonia and diarrhea.
2. Why did the non-profit Clean the World save used soap? The non-profit wanted to recycle the used soap into new bars of soap for poor countries. These actions help improve human hygiene.
3. Which hotels donate their soap for re-using? Hilton, Walt Disney, and Marriott.

D. Advanced Questions: These questions make you think harder or apply what you know.

1. Explain what happens in each step to re-make used soap into new bars of soap:
 - A. Sterilize the soap: Surfaces of bar soaps are cleaned and sterilized to eliminate pathogens.
 - B. Breakdown: Sterilized soaps are ground into fine pieces.
 - C. Remolding: Fine pieces are re-shaped into new bars.
 - D. Packaging: They are put into boxes that are distributed to people who need them.
2. What are some benefits of recycling soap? By sending soap to poor countries, diseases like pneumonia and diarrhea may kill fewer kids every year. Also, we can eliminate millions of pounds of soap from clogging landfills.
3. Why might Clean The World see fewer donations of used soap from hotels now? Hotels are moving away from complimentary single-use toiletries. Instead, they are offering bulk toiletries to eliminate wastes and reduce costs. This may hurt Clean the World's ability to keep poor countries stocked up with cleaning supplies.