ADVENTURES IN SOLID WASTE

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“Good day old friend,” said a cheerful Sly the rattlesnake as he slid up to Verde the quail. “Hello Sly. It is nice to see you so happy,” replied Verde. She was not used to seeing her friend in such high spirits. “I have found TREASURES, Verde! Lots and lots of TREASURES! Follow me, I will show you.” Sly quickly slid ahead of Verde.
“See Verde, SEEE!” Sly hissed happily. Verde could not believe her eyes. She was so sad. “Sly, these are not treasures. These are not supposed to be out here like this,” Verde cried. Sly was curious, “They aren’t? What are these things and where are they supposed to go?” Sly said.
“I’m so sorry, Verde.” Sly said softly. We can put these things where they need to go.” Verde was happy. “Ok, let’s do it!” Sly was happy too.
WORD SEARCH

Find and circle all of the words from the word list below!

ARIZONA  CLEANUP  ENVIRONMENT  GREEN  HEALTH
LANDFILL  OIL  RECYCLE  REDUCE  REUSE
SAFETY  SAMPLE  SCIENTIST  SOIL  SPILL
TIRES  TRASH  WASTE  WILDLIFE
“Let’s start at the trash pile first,” Verde said. “Can’t we just put all of this in the trash?,” Sly asked. “No, silly. Look at all the items you can recycle!,” Verde laughed. “Huh, what does that mean?,” Sly asked.

**RECYCLE:**
The process that makes it possible to create new products out of old ones.

**RECYCLABLES:**
Glass, Paper, Plastic, Metal, Cardboard, and so much more!
-Where should things go?-  

**Oil in the soil:**
The oil spot should be tested by a scientist, dug up and then disposed of at a facility that accepts stained or contaminated soils.

**Used Car Oil:**
Used car oil should be taken to an auto parts store. They will recycle and reuse the oil.

**Old Tires:**
Tires should be taken to a special tire center where they are recycled and turned into new products.

**Trash:**
Garbage that cannot be recycled or reused should be disposed of in a landfill.
“Hi Verde!,“ Said Thomas the tortoise. “I am a scientist. I have already put the soil in this wheelbarrow and have collected a sample. I will be sending you the results as soon as they are ready.” “Thank you Thomas. We did not know what to do,” Verde replied happily.
“Verde! Verde! The results say that we have special waste!” What do we do?” Sly was nervous. “It is okay, Sly. Thomas Tortoise was here and he has already taken the container of soil to a place that accepts special waste,” Verde said calmly. “Phew, I was scared!” Sly said as he let out a big breath.
“Look, Sly… my friend Jackie is here to pick up the tires and recycle them.” Verde said, excitedly.
Help Jackie find her way to the tire Recycling Center!
Sly, Verde and all their new friends celebrated together after the cleanup was done. Now the area can be enjoyed by everyone.
If you have questions regarding illegal dumping or the management of solid waste, please contact ADEQ’s Waste Inspections and Compliance Unit.