



I just remembered I'm replacing my memory with Post-Its

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to wear. Later, I got into the van and was gently reminded by a shocking-yellow piece of paper to "get gas." It was while sitting at the pump a short time later that the notion of Post-It dependency hit me. In the beginning, I was only an occasional user, jotting down out-of-the-ordinary reminders. You know, things like a doctor's appointment, or that it was time to change the oil. Then, "Change cat box" and "Take out trash" began appearing on the bathroom mirror, or stuck to the alarm clock — painfully obvious things that were reminders in and of themselves. My life was becoming sort of a dot-to-dot, or in this instance pad-to-pad, existence, moving from one reminder to the next. What was next?

"Breathe?" "Swallow?" "Don't drink soda with Alka-Seltzer?" So, I decided enough was enough. It was time to end the addiction. For those of you who followed my attempt to give up coffee, you probably know where this is going. Still, I reached into my shirt pocket, snatched my last, still-cellophaned package of pads and tossed them out the window and into the trash. This was my moment, something I would long remember without a scrap of yellow paper conveniently

laced with "stick-um." "Excuse me, sir," the gas attendant said, interrupting my moment of triumph. "You got another gas card? This one's expired." Confused, I thumbed through my wallet as the attendant handed me a yellow slip of paper. "By the way, this fell off the back of your card." I took it from him and stared at my handwritten reminder: "Call about gas card." After handing the attendant my cash, I reluctantly stepped from the truck and with no small amount of

humiliation, dug the Post-Its back out of the trash, opened it and made myself a note. "Get more Post-Its."

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When my wife called to remind me about letting the dog out at noon, I instinctively retrieved a Post-It from the desk drawer and scrawled "Dogs at noon," then stuck it to the computer monitor. This required shuffling a series of other yellow Post-Its into order of importance, with things like "Call about hair cut," "Go to dry cleaners" and "Clean out van" written on them. That one, of course, was moved to the very end of the line. Sadly, they're all things I should be able to remember on my own and usually do; like when I'm staring into the closet for a pair of pants

Shoreline school hosts open houses Jan. 15-16

Shoreline Christian School will host two open house events for the community to learn more about their programs. The first will be on Sunday, Jan. 15, at 4 p.m. and the second on Monday, Jan. 16, at 5 p.m. Enrollment is now open for the term which begins Jan. 16 for grades one through eight. The school is also accepting applications for kindergarten through grade eight for next school year. Students are welcome to sign up for a free day of classes so they can experience the

multi-grade environment. The school offers individualized instruction, strong academics, relevant Bible lessons, meaningful community service, interactive partnerships with other children in the community and educational field trips. Those seeking more information on the school and its programs can contact Nelson at 541-997-5909. The school is at 4445 Highway 101 in Florence, at the Florence Seventh-day Adventist Church, next to Potter's Tire and Automotive.

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REDUCE is to use less of something. Use less water, turn off lights, use both sides of a paper.

REUSE is to use an item again. Refill a water bottle, reuse a container and buy reusable bags.

RECYCLE is to make new items from old ones; recycle bottles, glass, paper, cans, plastic, cardboard & more.

Tip
Don't put your recycling in a plastic bag
Don't undo all your hard work by putting your recycling in a plastic bag. You can't recycle plastic bags and as workers sort waste by hand it is potentially dangerous. Sharp objects or dirty diapers may be inside so when plastic bags are found at recycling plants, they are removed, even though they may be full of recyclables.

Quiz *Answer to Previous Quiz: C Recycling*
If you make a quilt from old clothing you are.....
A) reducing. B) reusing. C) recycling.

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