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[Google is sticking to its plan to have all of its products include recycled materials by 2022, this year designing its new Pixel and Nest products to incorporate the re-use of otherwise wasted resources. It is only part of the devices that are comprised of re-used materials, however. **Read More>**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001cyNJIjlOc4pXm_Rey5YT_0i9vZPN_AWaJK5a30D-U1W5BEP5kz69_YY7jGcji2JIYGRZwaOqcHgQP8XTzsBpruii9Gzrifu0WKXgdilwo_AHndzYXh0DxOzlviebiT8b5nIMzIApThZfVr85ubrrMMkjjhl7121JZzhvIjVhNDM4hJ90MvgGZ-9EjNgejD1hksfRCOJtaxghfka5Uf3M0giW-DLWAjYa1JHVjAiXXUOK0UOpS3xivfPdUWg--npT&c=ynuYksL_VRDrm_xNZU_rZL5A5XYDUg6_POtMY-UQQVRaVd0We31sPg==&ch=ZdCVAbhWKRzAoi4dthc5z1GnRJfXLK4eekyew7E4j7D7RFHXKIRw0g==)

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