

FUN FACTS ABOUT RECYLING

1. In a lifetime, the average American will throw away 600 times his or her adult weight in garbage. This means that each adult will leave a legacy of 90,000 lbs. of trash for his or her children.
2. Each of us generates on an average 4.4 pounds of waste per day per person.
3. Enough energy is saved by recycling one aluminum can to run a TV set for three hours or to light one 100 watt bulb for 20 hours.
4. Americans throw away enough aluminum every three months to rebuild our entire commercial air fleet.
5. Annually, enough energy is saved by recycling steel to supply Los Angeles with electricity for almost 10 years.
6. You can make 20 cans out of recycled material with the same amount of energy it takes to make one new one.
7. Five recycled plastic bottles make enough fiberfill to stuff a ski jacket.
8. Incinerating 10,000 tons of waste creates 1 job, land filling the same amount creates 6 jobs, recycling the same 10,000 tons creates 36 jobs.
9. Every Sunday, the US wastes nearly 90% of the recyclable newspapers. This wastes about 500,000 trees.
10. American's throw away enough office and writing paper annually to build a wall 12 feet high stretching from Los Angeles to New York City.

11. If all the glass bottles and jars collected through recycling in the U.S. in 94 were laid end to end, they'd reach the moon and half way back to earth.
12. Recycled steel cans are used to make new steel products including cars, bridges, lawnmowers, stoves, and construction materials.
13. Every time a ton of steel is recycled, 2500 pounds of iron ore, 1000 pounds of coal and 40 pounds of limestone are preserved.
14. We throw away enough iron and steel to continuously supply all the nation's automakers.
15. Recycling steel and tin cans saves 74% of the energy used to produce them from raw materials.
16. Americans use 100 million tin and steel cans every day. Every minute of the day, more than 9,000 tin cans are recovered from the trash with magnets.
17. The average American throws out about 61 pounds of tin cans every month.
18. Glass containers recycled in 94 would fill 103,333 tractor trailers. Bumper to bumper, they'd stretch from Dallas to Los Angeles.
19. Each year Americans throw away 25,000,000,000 Styrofoam cups.
20. Even 500 years from now, the foam coffee cup you used this morning will be sitting in a landfill.
21. It takes 2 plastic soft drink bottles to make enough polyester fiber to make a baseball cap.
22. How long does it take things to break down when sent to the landfill?

Tin – 100 years

Aluminum – 500 years

Glass – 1 million years.