

TOP 10 REASONS TO RECYCLE

1. Saves Energy

Recycling offers significant energy savings over manufacturing with virgin materials. (Manufacturing with recycled aluminum cans uses 95% less energy.)

2. Prevents Global Warming

In 2000, recycling of solid waste prevented the release of 32.9 million metric tons of carbon equivalent (MMTCE, the unit of measure for greenhouse gases) into the air.

3. Preserves Landfill Space

No one wants to live next door to a landfill. Recycling preserves existing landfill space.

4. Reduces Waste

The average American discards 7.5 pounds of garbage every day. Most of this garbage goes into landfills, where it is compacted and buried.

5. Protects Wildlife

Using recycled materials reduces the need to damage forests, wetlands, rivers and other places essential to wildlife.

6. Good for the Economy

American companies rely on recycling programs to provide the raw materials they need to make new products.

7. Good for the Environment

Recycling requires far less energy, uses fewer natural resources, and keeps waste from piling up in landfills.

8. Creates Jobs

Recycling in the U.S. is a \$236 billion per year industry. More than 56,000 recycling and reuse enterprises employ 1.1 million workers nationwide.

9. Reduces Water Pollution

Making goods from recycled materials generates far less water pollution than manufacturing from virgin materials.

10. Creates New Demand

Recycling and buying recycled products creates demand for more recycled products, decreasing waste and helping our economy.



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