



Recycling Information



Why Recycle (General and school)

- Save energy and our natural resources- source reduction is a simple common sense approach to waste management
 - Reduce disposal costs
 - Save valuable landfill space
 - Educational opportunities that empower and engage students and parents in conservation activities
 - Hands on real world experiences for students when they assist in recycling programs, composting, community gardens, etc.
 - Students experience the cause and effect relationship of their decisions and actions directly- highlighting their personal responsibility for the world we all live in
 - Increase partnerships between schools and local communities
 - Support industries committed to using recycled materials in their products by recycling and purchases these environmentally friendly products.
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- **Paper –**
 - A 12-foot high wall could be built from NYC to Los Angeles with all of the office and writing paper discarded each year.
 - Recycling one ton of paper is equivalent of conserving 17 trees, reduces water usage by 7000 gallons, and saves 8 cubic feet of landfill space.
 - Waste paper can be recycled into: new paper, cat litter, cellulose insulation, cardboard, egg trays, and many other items.
 - Every Sunday, the U.S. wastes nearly 90% of all the recyclable newspapers. This wastes about 500,000 trees.
 - One tree can filter up to 60 pounds of pollutants from the air each year.
 - Replacing virgin pulp with recycled fibers reduces actual water usage by 58%.
 - Americans use more than 67 million tons of paper per year, or 580 pounds per person.
 - More than 1/3 of all paper fiber used to make paper comes from recycled paper.
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- **Junk Mail**
 - American's receive almost 4.5 million tons of junk mail per year.
 - About 44% of junk mail is never opened.
 - Every person in the US receives the equivalent of one and a half trees per year or approximately 560 pieces of junk mail per year.
 - The average person gets 1.5 personal letter per week compared to 10.8 pieces of junk mail.
 - Approximately 40% of the solid waste mass that makes up our landfills are paper and cardboard.
 - 100 million trees are ground up each year to produce junk mail.
 - Your name is typically worth 3 to 20 cents each time it is sold.