

What is Recycling?



You may have seen the recycling sign before. It is a green triangle formed by three arrows. These arrows mean reduce, reuse and recycle. The best thing you can do for the environment is reduce the amount of energy or products you use up. The next best thing to do is to use something more than once, instead of throwing it away. But, when you can't do either of those, you can recycle. Recycling means to treat or process used or waste material to make it suitable to reuse. We should all recycle, because it is definitely better for the earth than burning waste in an incinerator. Here are 20 great facts about recycling, and remember: Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle!

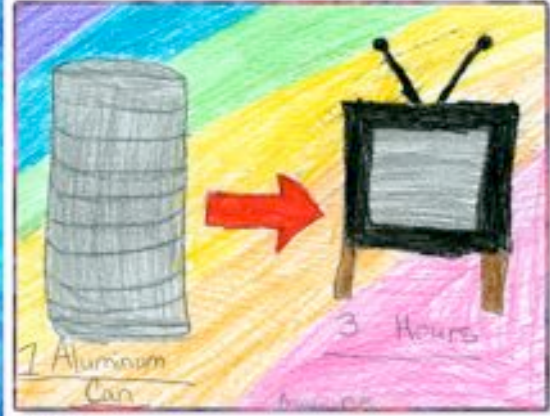
20 Recycling Facts to Make You Think

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HOWL stands for Helping Others While Learning. It is a program composed of Advanced Readiness Learning students. The students come from seventh grade teams at Plymouth Community Intermediate School, Plymouth, Massachusetts. Our Challenge is to learn about each others strengths and work collaboratively to improve the environment in school, the community, and the world. Our Blue/Gold Class is composed of 13 students, Brad F., Alex G., Michael B., Emily R., Isabel M., Ashley R., Colby B., Dawna V., Ian A., Liz T., Kelsey F., Jess W., Meaghan F., and our teacher, Warren Phillips. We teach others about how important it is to keep our environment in good condition. You can check out our webpage at: <http://www.wphillips.com/Recycle.htm>



Analia B.

By recycling just one aluminum can, you can save enough energy to run a television set for three hours.

To produce each week's Sunday newspaper, 500,000 trees must be cut down.



Alanna M.



Emma C.

Recycling all the cans we use for one year could save enough energy to light Washington D.C. for three years.

2/3 of the waste produced in America is disposed of in landfills.



Matthew C.



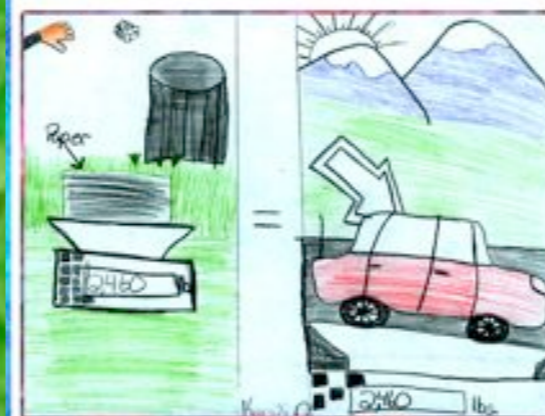
Mike D.

Americans throw away enough aluminum each year to rebuild our entire airplane commercial fleet every 6 months. That means that in one year we could triple the amount of planes in the United States if we recycled all the aluminum.

If all our newspaper was recycled, we could save about 250,000,000 trees each year!



Molly B.



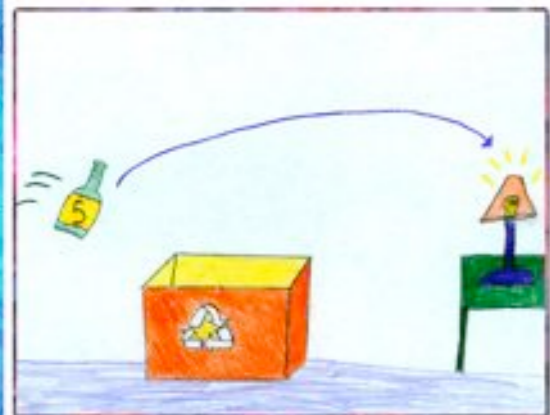
Kassidi O.

The typical American family throws out an average 2,460 lbs. of paper a year. That much paper could outweigh a small car.

Glass can never wear out. It can be recycled forever.



Adian M.



Libby H.

Recycling one glass bottle saves enough electricity to light a 100-watt bulb for four hours.

The U.S. is 5% of the world's population, but uses 25% of the world's natural resources.



Ben P.



Isabel M.

Producing one ton of paper requires 2-3 times its weight in trees. Newly cut trees account for 55 percent of the global paper supply, while 38 percent is from recycled wood-based paper, and the remaining 7 percent comes from non-tree sources.

Americans throw away enough plastic plates and cups each year to give the world a picnic 6 days a year.



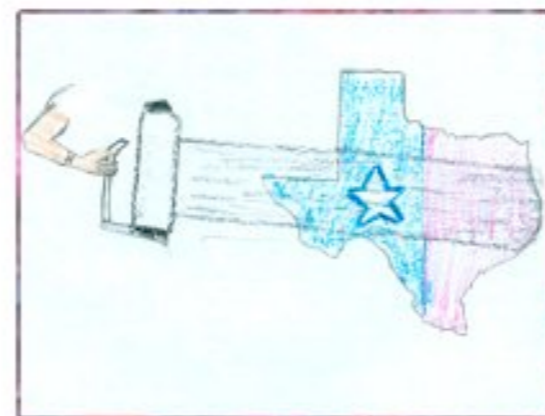
Sophie G.



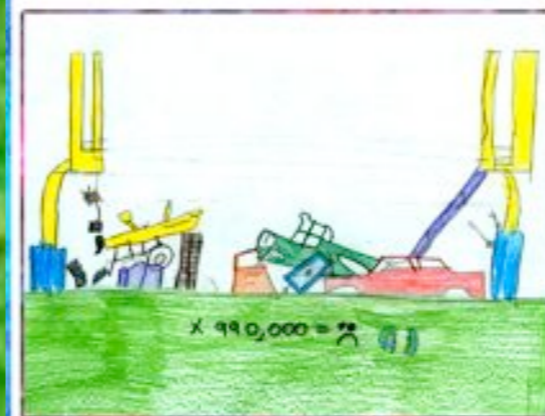
Kayla R.

Even 500 years from now, the foam coffee cup you used this morning will be sitting in a landfill. 70% of U.S. municipal solid waste gets buried in landfills.

Every year we make enough plastic film to shrink-wrap Texas.



Ryan H.



John C.

In one year alone, Americans create enough waste to bury more than 990,000 football fields under six-foot stacks of trash. That's 114,048,000,000 square yards of trash. Wow, not much fun playing in that trash.

95% of U.S. forests are destroyed, and 1/2 of the world's forests are destroyed.



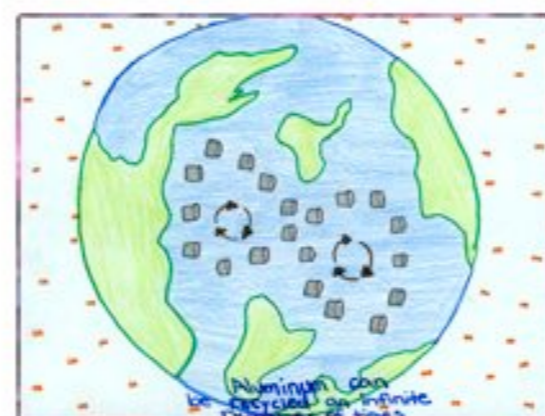
Shauna Q.



Meaghan F.

The amount of wood and paper Americans throw away each year is enough to heat 50 million homes for 20 years.

Aluminum can never wear out. It can be recycled forever.



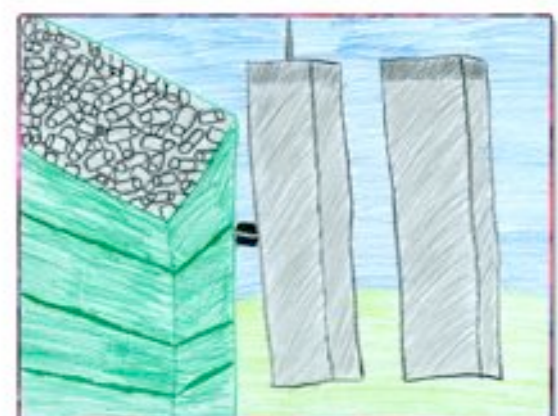
Morgan C.



Kathryn C.

More than 20,000,000 Hershey's Kisses are wrapped each day, using 133 square miles of aluminum foil. All that foil is recyclable, but not many people realize it.

Every two weeks we throw away enough steel and tin cans to fill the former 1,350 foot towers of the World Trade Center.



Ashley R.