

RECYCLING TRIVIA

Packaging from consumer goods comprises about 1/3 of the nation's trash. About 75% of the nation's glass, 50% of its paper, 40% of its aluminum, 30% of its plastic, and 8% of its steel are used solely for packaging.

- Glass -

The energy saved from recycling a glass bottle will light a 100-watt bulb for 4 hours.

Glass produced from recycled glass instead of raw material reduces related water pollution by 50% and related air pollution by 20%.

- Paper -

2 weeks of daily newspapers = 1 full-grown tree

Each person uses and discards 2 pine trees in other paper products every year.

Americans use 50 million tons of paper/year, consuming over 850 million trees.

Recycling 1/2 of the paper used throughout the world today would free 20 million acres of forest land from paper production, would reduce air pollution and would reduce landfill consumption.

- Aluminum -

The energy saved from a recycled aluminum can will operate a TV for 3 hours.

Throwing away an aluminum can wastes as much energy as pouring out that can 1/2-filled with gasoline.

Making aluminum from recycled aluminum uses 90% less energy than making aluminum from bauxite ore.