

Recycling Facts

FACT #1

Every year Americans throw away 24 million tons of yard waste, which could be composted and used as mulch to conserve landfill waste. By separating your “green waste” it does not become contaminated by regular trash and Advanced Disposal can convert it into mulch or groundcover.

FACT # 2

In a lifetime, the average American will throw away 600 times his, or her, weight in garbage. By limiting the amount of paper products your family uses, such as cups, plates, servingware and napkins, you can dramatically reduce this number.

FACT #3

Every Sunday, the United States wastes nearly 90% of all recyclable newspaper, which kills about 500,000 trees. You can reuse newspaper by using it to clean glass, as an overnight odor eater for your shoes, to decorate crafts or even donate them to your nearest pet store to be used in the animal cages. You can also bundle your used papers and set them out with your trash cans to be recycled by Advance Disposal.

FACT #4

In the year 2002, an average of 27.7 million beverage containers were recycled each day in California. Recycle your beverage containers and donate the proceeds to a worthy cause. All bottles and cans collected by the Hesperia Recreation and Parks District are donated to help build the Community Library.

FACT #5

Americans throw away about 35 billion aluminum cans every year. If you can't recycle your cans, donate them to a local scout troop, service club or school. The money collected will go to a worthy cause and you will have done your part in completing the reuse cycle.

FACT #6

For every ton of new glass produced, we get to breathe 27.8 pounds of air pollution. By recycling glass, we can reduce the pollution it produces by 14-20%. The average glass bottle made in California contains 38% recycled glass.

FACT #7

Glass never wears out—it can be recycled forever. By recycling glass we save 25-32% of the energy used to make the glass and keep it out of the landfill where it will sit forever.

FACT #8

One recycled aluminum can saves enough energy to operate a laptop computer for seven hours, to run a television for three hours, and to illuminate one 100-watt light bulb for up to four hours. With California's energy crisis, every little bit of conservation helps.

FACT #9

Steel recovered through recycled packaging in the year 2000 (more than 1.5 million tons) was enough to build 185,000 steel framed homes. By recycling steel, we save energy, cut down on mining waste and save trees.

FACT #10

Recycling helps decrease pollution, reduce the amount of waste going to the landfills and helps protect our natural resources. By practicing even a few recycling habits we can move forward in preserving our planet for future generations.