

## Why Recycle? RECYCLING INFORMATION AND FACTS

Recycling conserves natural resources and energy, creates jobs, and reduces waste. The majority of waste generated at businesses is recyclable. Just think of all the paper that you handle in one day! Having a successful recycling program not only helps the environment, but will substantially reduce the volume of trash generated by your business, helping your bottom-line. Recycling at your business should result in savings in your trash handling costs by allowing you to go to a smaller dumpster or having your dumpster emptied fewer times per week.



### PAPER

- Americans throw away enough paper each year to create a wall 12 feet high from New York to Seattle.
- Making paper from recycled paper reduces contributions to air pollution by 95%.
- Recycling a 3 foot stack of newspapers conserves one tree.



### GLASS

- Glass can be recycled an infinite number of times and never wears out.
- Making glass items from recycled glass cuts water pollution by 50%.
- Recycling 1 glass jar saves enough energy to run a 60 watt bulb for 4 hours or a Compact Fluorescent bulb for 20 hours.



### PLASTICS

- Plastics recycling industry provides for 25,000 jobs for American workers.
- Recycling just 5 plastic water bottles generates materials to create 1 extra large t-shirt or a square foot of carpet (yes, t-shirts and carpet may be made from plastic bottles).



### ALUMINUM

- Every three months, Americans throw away and landfill enough aluminum to rebuild our entire commercial air fleet.
- The average person has the opportunity to recycle more than 25,000 aluminum cans in a lifetime!
- Recycling one can saves enough energy to power a TV for 3 hours.

Source: National Recycling Coalition  
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