

DID YOU KNOW!

- 1.) America's solid waste industry collected and processed more than 61.3 million tons of recyclables in 2009 and more than 20.8 million tons of yard and food waste.
- 2.) The 62.6 billion cans recycled in 2009 alone would make 171 circles around the earth its equator.
- 3.) Glass can be recycled an indefinite number of times and never wears out.
- 4.) Every ton of paper recycled saves more than 3.3 cubic yards of landfill space.
- 5.) If we recycled all of the newspapers printed in the U.S. on a typical Sunday, we would save 550,000 trees- or about 26 million trees per year.
- 6.) An average kitchen-size bag of trash contains enough energy to light a 100 watt light bulb for more than 24 hours.
- 7.) The average American discards 4.34 pounds of garbage every day.
- 8.) 70% of the earth is water, but only 3% of that is fresh water.
- 9.) It's the little things citizens do. That's what will make the difference.
- 10.) Old paper can be used to make new insulation, paper towels, tissues, book covers, puzzles, packaging, greeting cards, and newsprint.
- 11.) Old aluminum cans become new aluminum cans and siding.
- 12.) Old steel cans are recycled into new appliances and auto parts.
- 13.) Old corrugated boxes can become new cereal boxes and egg cartons.
- 14.) Old plastic bottles can become new carpeting, plastic lumber, toys and fleece clothing.
- 15.) Old tires can be shredded and used for new road paving and playground surfaces.
- 16.) Old glass containers can be used to make new decorative tile and paving material.

It Will Take This Long To Decompose:

Aluminum Cans: 550 years (but if recycled it can be used within 6 weeks)

Paper: 2-3 Weeks

Cardboard: 4-6 Weeks

Plastic Bags: 500 Years

Plastic Beverage Bottles: 450 Years

Disposable Diapers: 500-600 Years

Cigarette butt: 10 years