

# RECYCLING FAST FACTS

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As you throw your bottles and cans in the recycling bin every day, you may not realize what a difference you're making in preserving natural resources and saving energy. But recycling makes a real difference.

## Did you know...

- \_ Recycling keeps almost 1.7 million tons of material out of Wisconsin landfills and incinerators every year. Since 1990, Wisconsin citizens have saved landfill space equivalent to five average landfills.
- \_ Recycling paper produces 73% less air pollution than using virgin materials.
- \_ In 2009, recycling efforts by Wisconsin households reduced greenhouse gas emissions by nearly 2.5 million tons of carbon dioxide—the equivalent of removing 475,000 passenger vehicles from the road. Businesses and institutions recycled even more.
- \_ Americans throw away enough aluminum cans to rebuild an entire commercial air fleet every three months.
- \_ Over 50% of the material in Wisconsin's landfills could have been recycled.
- \_ Recycling one ton of plastic bottles saves the equivalent energy usage of a two person household for one year