

RECYCLING IS GOOD BUSINESS



RECYCLE MONTANA

RECYCLING BENEFITS

- ♻️ Recycling is the process of turning old products into new ones. Recycling is good for the environment, it saves natural resources, energy and reduces pollution.
- ♻️ Recycling is also good for the economy, as it supports jobs and businesses across the state.
- ♻️ In 2014, Montanans recycled/diverted 22.2% of the waste stream from landfills.
- ♻️ Recycling/Diverting 22.2% equates to the following based on the National Recycling Coalition's Environmental Benefits Calculator. Reducing greenhouse gas equivalent to removing 674,204 passenger cars from the road, saving 43.2 million BTUs and 262,198 trees.

PAPER RECYCLING

- ♻️ Recycling a 4-foot stack of newspaper produces as much paper pulp as a 40-foot pine tree.
- ♻️ Recycling your daily newspaper for one year would provide the pulp equivalent of 2/3 acre of commercial forest.
- ♻️ Paper recycled today will be recycled into new paper and be back on the store shelf in about 60 days.
- ♻️ Recycling one ton of newspaper saves 17 pine trees.
- ♻️ Making recycled-paper generates 74% less air pollution and 35% less water pollution and uses 64% less energy than making paper from virgin timber.

ALUMINUM RECYCLING

- ♻️ Recycling just one aluminum can saves enough energy to run a TV for 3 hours.
- ♻️ Throwing away an aluminum can, versus recycling it, is like pouring out six ounces of gasoline.
- ♻️ In one year, recycling allows aluminum companies to save the equivalent of more than 19 million barrels of oil.
- ♻️ Manufacturing cans from recycled aluminum produces 96% less air and water pollution than manufacturing cans from raw material (bauxite).



STEEL RECYCLING

- ♻️ If you stacked all the steel cans that were recycled each year, they would reach from here to the moon and back again more than three times.
- ♻️ You could power 18 million American homes with the energy saved by recycling steel each year.
- ♻️ Recycling one pound of steel can power a 60-watt light bulb for more than one day.