

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS *recycling*

FACTS

- The normal faucet flow is around 3-5 gallons of water per minute.
- Showers can account for up to 32% of home water use.
- 240-260 million tires are discarded every year in the United States.
- Polystyrene foam is not biodegradable. In simple terms, the foam cup you throw away today will still be sitting there 500 years from now.
- When motor oil is not disposed of properly, it can seep into the ground and contaminate our drinking water. Just one quart of motor oil can pollute 250,000 gallons of drinking water.
- An aluminum can that is not recycled will still litter the earth almost 500 years later.
- The average office worker throws away about 180 lbs. of recyclable paper every year.
- Hot dogs last more than 10 years in a landfill.
- 70% of the trash that people throw away can be recycled.
- Each person throws away an average of 1,460 pounds of garbage each year.
- Americans throw away enough aluminum every three months to rebuild our entire commercial air fleet.

WHAT CAN BE RECYCLED?

REVIEW ONLY

| Items to Recycle | How to Prepare Them |
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| Aluminum, Steel and Tin Cans | <i>Lightly rinse and dry all cans.</i> |
| Newspapers | <i>Fold newspapers and place in brown paper bags or bundle with string into one-foot stacks.</i> |
| Glass | <i>Rinse and remove metal or plastic rims and lids. Sort by color: brown, green and clear.</i> |
| Plastics | <i>Separate by number.</i> |
| Corrugated Cardboard | <i>Break down boxes.</i> |
| Office Paper | <i>Separate into two piles: one for plain, one for glossy stacks. Remove sticky tabs and paper clips.</i> |
| Motor Oil | <i>Collect in containers no larger than 5 gallons.</i> |
| Tires | <i>Check with your local recycler. Some communities limit the number of tires accepted per year from individuals.</i> |

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