



## **TOP 10 REASONS TO RECYCLE**

**Recycling saves trees.** Half the Earth's forests are gone, and up to 95 percent of the original forest area in the U.S. has been cut down.

**Recycling protects wildlife habitat.** Using recycled materials reduces the need to chop down trees. As a result, destruction of forests, wetlands, rivers and other places essential to wildlife is also reduced.

**Recycling lowers the use of toxic chemicals.** Making products from already refined waste materials reduces -- and often avoids altogether -- the need for manufacturers to use toxic chemicals.

**Recycling helps curb global warming.** Using recycled materials cuts down on the energy used in the manufacturing process, dramatically reducing emissions of greenhouse gases and other air pollutants

**Recycling reduces air, water and land pollution.** Making goods from recycled materials generates far less pollution than manufacturing from virgin materials

**Recycling reduces the need for landfills.** Toxic pollution from landfills escapes into the air and leaches into groundwater.

**Preserves landfill space.** No one wants to live next door to a landfill. Recycling preserves existing landfill space.

**Recycling reduces waste.** The average American discards 7 pounds of garbage every day. Most of this garbage goes into to landfills, where it's compacted and buried.

**Recycling is good for our economy.** American companies rely on recycling programs to provide the raw materials they need to make new products.

**Recycling creates jobs.** The recycling provides over 1 million people jobs in the United States.