

## **10 Good Reasons to Recycle**

- 1.** It takes 75,000 trees each week to produce the Sunday edition of the New York Times.
- 2.** If Americans recycled just one-tenth of their newspapers, we would save 25 million trees a year.
- 3.** Recycling and reusing the material in "tin" cans reduces energy use by 74%, air pollution by 85%, solid waste by 95%, and water pollution by 76%.
- 4.** It takes 95% less energy to make aluminum by recycling it than by producing it from its natural ore, bauxite. It costs less too.
- 5.** The average American uses 580 pounds of paper each year. As a nation we consume 850 million trees annually.
- 6.** In 1991, the Great Wall of China became the second largest man-made structure in the world. The largest was Fresh Kills Landfill, serving New York City.
- 7.** Americans throw away 2.5 million plastic bottles every hour!
- 8.** For every glass bottle recycled, we save enough energy to light a 100-watt light bulb for 4 hours.
- 9.** Every year, Americans throw away enough office and writing paper to build a wall 12 feet high from New York to Los Angeles.
- 10.** In one year, American steel recycling saves enough energy to heat and light 18 million homes. One pound of steel saves enough energy to light a 60 watt bulb for 24 hours.