

Eco-Statistics

- ♻️ The amount of wood and paper we throw away each year is enough to heat 50 million homes for 20 years.
- ♻️ About 110 million Americans live in areas with levels of air pollutants the federal government considers to be harmful.
- ♻️ Americans dump 16 tons of sewage into their waters--every minute of every day.
- ♻️ Although water covers two-thirds of the surface of the Earth, all the fresh water in lakes, streams, and rivers represents only one-hundredth of the Earth's total water.
- ♻️ Each year, 1 million sea birds, 100,000 marine mammals, and 50,000 fur seals are killed as the result of eating or being strangled in plastic.
- ♻️ A plant called the rosy periwinkle, which grows in the rainforests of Madagascar, has been used to make a drug that can cure some kinds of cancer.
- ♻️ Americans throw away 25 billion Styrofoam coffee cups every year, and 2.5 million plastic beverage bottles every hour.
- ♻️ Americans throw away about 40 billion soft drink cans and bottles every year. Placed end to end, they would reach to the moon and back nearly 20 times.
- ♻️ Eighty-four percent of a typical household's waste--including food scraps, yard waste, paper, cardboard, cans, and bottles--can be recycled.
- ♻️ Using recycled paper for one print run of the Sunday edition of the New York Times would save 75,000 trees.
- ♻️ If every American recycled just one-tenth of their newspapers, we would save about 25 million trees a year.
- ♻️ Only 10 percent of the 35,000 pesticides introduced since 1945 have been tested for their effects on people.
- ♻️ It takes only one-twentieth as much raw materials to grow grains, fruits, and vegetables as it does to raise animals for meat.
- ♻️ The typical American home uses about 300 gallons of water a day.
- ♻️ By turning the heat down, Americans could save more than 500,000 barrels of oil each day--that's over 21,000,000 gallons.
- ♻️ A single quart of motor oil, if disposed of improperly, can contaminate up to two million gallons of fresh water.
- ♻️ Driving an average of 1,000 miles a month produces about 120 tons of carbon dioxide a year.
- ♻️ If all the cars on U.S. roads had properly inflated tires, it would save nearly 2 billion gallons of gasoline a year.

