

Get your GREEN on!

Why students, faculty and staff should care about recycling:

- Recycling 1 ton of paper saves 17 trees, 2 barrels of oil (enough to run the average car for 1,260 miles), 4,100 kilowatts of energy (enough power for the average home for 6 months), 3.2 cubic yards of landfill space, and 60 pounds of air pollution. *Trash to Cash*
- Americans throw away enough aluminum to rebuild our entire commercial fleet of airplanes every 3 months. *Environmental Defense Fund*
- About 80% of what Americans throw away is recyclable, yet our recycling rate is just 28%. *Environmental Protection Agency*
- Recycling glass instead of making it from silica sand reduces mining waste by 70%, water use by 50%, and air pollution by 20%. *Environmental Defense Fund*
- Recycling just one aluminum can saves enough energy to operate a TV for 3 hours. *Eco-Cycle*
- If we recycled all of the newspapers printed in the U.S. on a typical Sunday, we would save 550,000 trees--or about 26 million trees per year. *California Department of Conservation*
- The U.S. is 5% of the world's population but uses 25% of its natural resources. *Environmental Protection Agency*
(*Recycling facts:* <http://www.ecocycle.org/tidbits/index.cfm>)

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