



RECYCLING ONE TON OF:

Aluminum saves 95 percent of the energy used to manufacture virgin aluminum.

Newspaper saves enough energy to heat a home for 6 weeks as well as 7,000 gallons of water and 60 pounds of air pollution.

Plastics saves about 3.85 barrels of oil.

Recycling 1 glass bottle can save enough energy to light a 100-watt bulb for 4 hours.

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MISSOURI'S Recycling Industry

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RECYCLING IN MISSOURI:

- Expands our Economy
- Strengthens our Communities
- Protects our Environment

RECYCLING INDUSTRY BENEFITS:

- Creates Jobs
- Saves Energy
- Conserves Resources
- Community Pride
- Reduces Greenhouse Gas
- Eliminates Pollution
- Builds a Better Future

EXPANDING OUR ECONOMY

Missouri's recycling industry boosts Missouri's economy by over \$10 billion per year. Recycling employs more than 28,000 with an annual payroll in excess of \$700 million. The industry generates millions of dollars in state and local tax revenue.

Recycling will continue to grow. As additional materials are diverted from the waste stream, new opportunities are created for businesses and organizations to use these resources to create more economic development.

STRENGTHENING OUR COMMUNITIES

Recycling plays an important role in improving the quality of life in our communities and securing our children's future. Across Missouri, sheltered workshops provide opportunities for their clients, waste tire collections eliminate public nuisances and prevent disease, and household hazardous waste collections make our homes and farms safer.

Recycling is a true public-private partnership, with businesses, organizations, local governments, and regional solid waste management districts working together to make Missouri a better place to live, work and play.

PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT

Missourians benefit from recycling in many ways. Our recycling efforts result in enough energy savings to power 125,000 homes every year. Our natural resources are conserved by using fewer virgin materials, reducing the environmental impact of logging and mining activities. Air and water pollution are reduced, eliminating thousands of tons of pollution from being released into the environment.

Recycling reduces greenhouse gas emissions – the equivalent of taking thousands of cars off the road. Consider purchasing products made from recovered materials or that feature reusable, recyclable, or reduced packaging to save the energy required to manufacture new containers. Recycle all of your home's waste newsprint, cardboard, glass and metal. Help slow global warming and make our planet a better place for ourselves and our children. You'll be surprised at how much money you can save at the same time.