

YEAR 2010 recycle - reuse - reduce



WORKING TOGETHER TO PRESERVE OUR ENVIRONMENT FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS!

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GREEN TIPS

- **Recycling just 1% of textbooks would save enough money to send more than 4,000 students to a 4-year public college for free!** Buy used textbooks and sell them back when you are done. You will make money and save money (as much as 85%). About \$10 billion worth of schoolbooks—kindergarten through college—are sold every year.
- **For every 100 lbs. of trash we throw away, 39 lbs. is paper.** Try using wire-bound notebooks with 20% postconsumer fiber. They are cheap and help reduce landfill waste. A paper mill uses 20% less energy to make paper from recycled material than it does to make paper from fresh lumber.
- **Polyvinyl chloride (PVC) may contain toxins that can be harmful to immune systems and is extremely difficult to recycle.** Avoid products that contain PVC such as some backpacks, folder covers, and raincoats. In fact, of the 1.6 million tons of PVC discarded every year, the amount recycled is, at best, negligible.
- **If 1/2 of American businesses recycled paper, a forest larger than the state of Florida could be saved every year.** American businesses use over 21 million tons of paper annually.
- **3/4 of rubber bands are synthetic, made from crude oil.** When incinerated at the dump, significant health effects can result.
- **Throw away a pen and it will still be in a landfill 50,000 years from now.** Use refillable pens, pencils, and markers. Disposable plastic pens are not recyclable, nor are they biodegradable.
- **Plastic waste makes up 11% of landfills and only 5% of it is recovered and used as recycled material.** Use a tape dispenser made of at least 50% postconsumer plastic.
- **Each year steel recycling saves the energy equivalent of electrically powering about 18 million homes for one year.** Use recycled stainless-steel scissors. If they have plastic handles, they should be at least 30% postconsumer plastic.

Helpful tips from "The Green Book" by Elizabeth Rogers & Thomas M. Kostigen

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