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# Did You Know?

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With the amount of aluminum we throw away in just 3 months, the United States could rebuild its entire commercial air fleet! The aluminum can that you do not recycle could take 200 to 500 years to decompose in a landfill. Just one recycled can saves enough electricity to operate a TV for 3 hours!

In the United States we throw away 2.5 million plastic bottles every hour! A plastic bottle can take over 1,000 years to decompose. Recycling 5 plastic bottles provides enough fiber to fill one ski jacket or enough fiber to create one square foot of carpet.



A modern glass bottle would take 4,000 years or more to decompose -- and even longer if it's buried in a landfill. Glass is one of the very few products that can be infinitely recycled. It never loses its quality. Recycling one glass bottle saves enough energy to light a 100-watt bulb for 4 hours.

With the amount of office and writing paper the United States throws away every year, we could build a 12 foot high wall from Los Angeles to New York City! Each ton of recycled paper saves 7,000 gallons of water, 380 gallons of oil, 17 trees and 3 cubic yards of landfill space.

