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Recycle!



# What Can I Recycle?

Cans and bottles...

**Cans** include steel and aluminum cans such as soup, tuna fish, vegetables, and beverage containers.

**Bottles** include both glass and plastic. Shampoo, cooking oil, milk jugs, laundry detergent, soda and water.

Recycle any plastic container with a 1 or 2 on the bottom!



# Is all paper recyclable?



- **Just remember: "If it tears, it's recyclable"!!!**
- Printer and copier paper of all colors, newspaper, magazines, cereal boxes, junk mail, file folders, notebooks and even pizza boxes (minus the left over pizza!) are all recyclable! Place them in any of the mixed paper containers in the halls.
- Break down/flatten your boxes and place them next to the mixed paper containers or place them in the large green dumpsters outside of your hall.

# Where Can I Recycle?

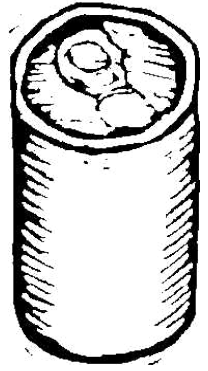
Traditional Residence Halls - Look for blue recycling bins in the laundry rooms, floor lounges, elevator lobbies and first floor building lobbies. Paper and newspaper containers are in building lobbies and floor lounges.

Suites/Apartments - Exterior recycling containers are located adjacent to dumpsters. Newspaper and mixed paper containers are found in the Community Center.



# Metals

*The energy saved from recycling one aluminum can will operate a computer for THREE hours.*



Stack the nearly 19 billion steel cans recycled in 1996 end to end, and you would have a line stretching from here to the moon and back more than three times (based on a can height of 5 inches).



*Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to run a TV for three hours – or the equivalent of a half a gallon of gasoline.*



Americans throw away enough aluminum every three months to rebuild our entire commercial air fleet.

# Plastic

*Americans use 2,500,000 plastic bottles every hour. Most of them are thrown away.*

**Five 2-liter recycled PET bottles provide enough fiberfill for a ski jacket.**



**Every year, we make enough plastic film to shrink-wrap the state of Texas.**



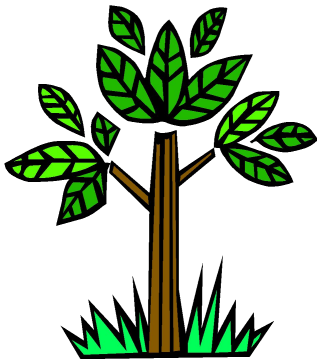
*Recycling plastic saves twice as much energy as burning it in an incinerator.*

The amount of wood and paper we throw away each year is enough to heat 50,000,000 homes for 20 years.

# Paper

To produce each week's Sunday newspapers, 500,000 trees must be cut down.

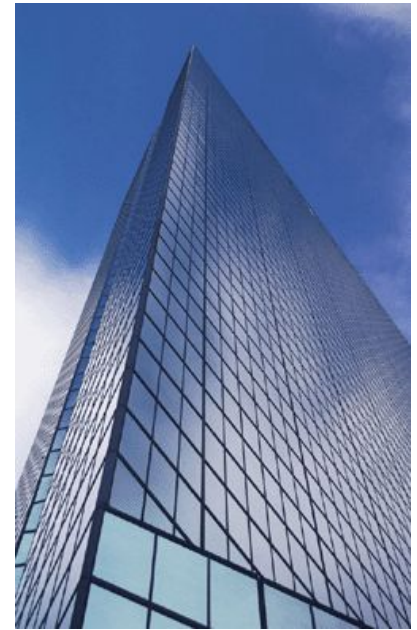
*If all our newspaper was recycled, we could save about 250,000,000 trees each year.*



We throw away enough office paper annually to build a wall twelve feet high stretching from Los Angeles to New York City.

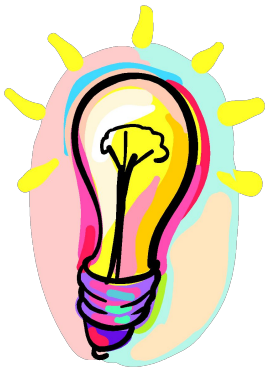
# Glass

*Every month, we throw out enough glass bottles and jars to fill up a giant skyscraper.*



Glass can be recycled an infinite number of times.

Recycling one ton of glass saves the equivalent of 10 gallons of oil.



**A modern glass bottle would take 4000 years or more to decompose – and even longer if it's in the landfill.**

The energy saved from recycling one glass bottle will operate a 100-watt light bulb for four hours.

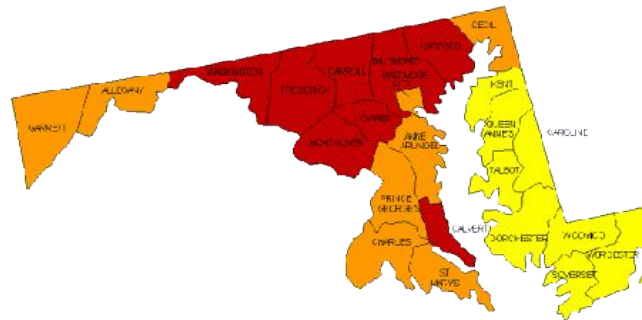


# Miscellaneous Facts



**Did you know that the state of Maryland generated enough municipal solid waste in 2000 to build a wall 3ft. wide x 6ft. high and 3,839 miles long? That is long enough to go from Baltimore to Miami over 3.5 times.**

More than 20,000,000 Hershey's Kisses are wrapped each day, using 133 square miles of tinfoil. All that foil is recyclable, but not many people realize it.



**One-third** of the water used in most homes is flushed down the toilet.



# Campus Groups

MARYPIRG (Maryland Public Interest Research Group)

Mission: To combine the interests of students to work on societal concerns including consumer and tenant rights, environmental protection and government responsiveness.

[http://www.inform.umd.edu/Student/Campus\\_Activities/StudentOrg/mpirg/](http://www.inform.umd.edu/Student/Campus_Activities/StudentOrg/mpirg/)

## ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION ORGANIZATION

Mission: To increase student awareness of environmental issues as well as provide a medium in which students can work to help our environment.

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