

# Reasons to Recycle

## Recycling conserves our natural resources

- One ton of recycled paper saves 17 trees
- Every ton of steel recycled saves 2,500 lbs. of iron ore and 1,400 lbs. of coal

## Recycling saves energy

- Recycling one aluminum can save enough energy to run a television set for three hours
- Recycling one glass bottle can save enough energy to operate a 100-watt light bulb for four hours

## Recycling saves clean air and water

- One tree can filter up to 60 pounds of pollutants from the air each year
- Recycling one ton of paper conserves 7,000 gallons of water

## Recycling saves landfill space

- It is estimated that Americans will landfill over 1 million tons of aluminum, 11 million tons of glass bottles and over 14 million tons of paper, almost all of which could be recycled
- One ton of recycled paper can save three cubic yards of landfill space

## Recycling can create jobs

- Incinerating 10,000 tons of waste creates 1 job, land filling the same amount creates 6 jobs and recycling the same creates 36 jobs
- Glass recycling employs over 30,000 workers and the post consumer plastics industry employs over 52,000 workers

