

Green World Eco Facts



Just by making a few small changes, you can make a big difference. Here are some interesting facts about our energy consumption.

- If just 25% of U.S. families used 10 fewer plastic bags a month, we would save over 2.5 BILLION bags a year.
- On the average, the 140 million cars in America are estimated to travel almost 4 billion miles in a day, and according to the Department of Transportation, they use over 200 million gallons of gasoline doing it.
- About 1% of the U.S. landfill space is full of disposable diapers, which take 500 years to decompose.
- Energy saved from one recycled aluminum can will operate a TV set for three hours and is the equivalent of half a can of gasoline.
- Enough glass was thrown away in 1990 to fill the Twin Towers (1,350 feet high) of New York's World Trade Center every two weeks.
- Americans use 50 million tons of paper annually – consuming more than 850 million trees.
- The United States has 5% of the world's population and 30% of the waste.
- Turn off the water faucet when brushing your teeth. This simple act can save 9 gallons of water every time you brush.
- Every year we make enough plastic film to shrink-wrap Texas.
- If every American replaced just one light bulb or fixture with an Energy Star-qualified one, we would save enough energy to light more than 3 million homes for a year, we would save more than \$600 million in annual energy costs, and we would prevent greenhouse gases equivalent to the emissions of more than 800,000 cars.

Always Remember: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!



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