

Why Recycle?



There has been a lot of information thrown around about recycling. And the truth is that when you separate out those glass bottles, tin and aluminum cans, plastic jugs, newspaper and cardboard, you really are helping out our environment.

Recycling not only helps to preserve our natural resources – it saves energy and cuts down on air and water pollution. For example:

Recycling not only helps to preserve our natural resources – it saves energy and cuts down on air and water pollution. For example:

- ◆ Glass produced from recycled glass instead of raw materials reduces related air pollution by 20% and related water pollution by 50%.
- ◆ Making new paper from old paper uses 30-55% less energy than making paper from trees and reduces related air pollution by 95%.
- ◆ Making a can out of recycled aluminum takes only 5% of the energy needed to make an aluminum can from raw material (bauxite ore).
- ◆ Recycling steel cans saves 74% of the energy used to produce them from raw materials and cuts mining wastes by 97%.

Buy Recycled.



To keep recycling working we all have to buy new products made from recycled materials. By purchasing recycled products, consumers help to assure that companies will continue to use recycled materials when manufacturing new products.

Look for recycled products when you shop. Some of the most common recycled products available are:

- ◆ Steel & aluminum cans
- ◆ Food product boxes
- ◆ Insulation
- ◆ Plastic lumber
- ◆ Paper
- ◆ Carpeting
- ◆ Aluminum gutters & siding
- ◆ Playground equipment
- ◆ Camping & hunting gear

Just because a product has a recycling symbol on it does not mean it contains recycled material. Carefully read the label for specific information on its recycled content.

Tri-County Solid Waste Office
501 S. Minnesota Avenue
St. Peter MN 56082
(507) 625-6678 or
(507) 420-4620

Rudy SAYS RECYCLE



*Recycling - It's something
you can do every day for
the environment.*