



What is America Recycles Day?

America Recycles Day is a nationally-recognized day that celebrates and promotes recycling in the U.S and falls on November 15th. On this day, people are encouraged to spread the word about the benefits of recycling and to practice recycling themselves. So be sure to find a recycling program near you so that you can recycle that trash instead of dumping it the trash to fill up yet another landfill.

History of America Recycles Day

This holiday was created by the National Recycling Coalition in 1997. Every year since then, the President of the United States usually issues a Presidential Proclamation recognizing this day and encourage his fellow Americans to commit to the act of recycling. In 2009, this holiday became an integral part of the Keep America Beautiful Campaign. Today, there are thousands upon thousands of events across the entire U.S to not only raise awareness about recycling but to encourage people to recycle.

Recycling not only saves space in landfills, reuses important resources and saves energy but it also prevents the needless destruction of many aquatic animal species and helps in the fight against global warming. So spend this day figuring out how you can recycle more. Let's make America beautiful!

America Recycles Day Highlights the Benefits of Recycling

Recycling helps to conserve natural resources and reduce greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to global warming. According to the EPA, recycling one ton of aluminum cans saves the energy equivalent of 36 barrels of oil or 1,655 gallons of gasoline.

Saving Energy on America Recycles Day

If a ton of cans is a little too much to visualize, consider this: recycling a single aluminum can saves enough energy to power a television for three hours. Yet, every three months, Americans toss enough aluminum into landfills to rebuild the entire U.S. fleet of commercial airplanes, according to the National Recycling Coalition.

Using recycled materials also saves energy and reduces global warming. For example, using recycled glass consumes 40 percent less energy than using new materials. Americans also contribute to recycling by purchasing products with recycled content, less packaging and fewer harmful materials.

Learn How Recycling Helps the Economy on America Recycles Day

Recycling also reduces costs to businesses and creates jobs. The American recycling and reuse industry is a \$200 billion dollar enterprise that includes more than 50,000 recycling and reuse establishments, employs more than 1 million people, and generates an annual payroll of approximately \$37 billion.