

# Recycling Facts and Figures

From the Hamilton County Recycling and Solid Waste District

## Cans



It takes just 60 days for a can to journey from the recycling bin, through the recycling process, and get back onto store shelves.

-Keep America Beautiful.org

Recycling one aluminum can saves an amount of energy equivalent to half that can filled with gasoline.

-Green-network.com

There is no limit to the amount of times an aluminum can be recycled.

-Recycling-Revolution.com

## Paper



America recycles 73% of all newspapers, 76% of cardboard boxes, and a little over 48% of all office paper.

-Keep America Beautiful.org

500,000 trees are used to produce the Sunday newspaper each week.

-Green-network.com

Each ton of recycled paper can save 17 trees, 2 barrels of oil, 3.2 cubic yards of landfill space, 4,100 kilowatts of energy, and 60 pounds of pollution.

-Do Something.org

## Glass



Every month Americans throw out enough recyclable glass bottles and jars to fill up a skyscraper.

-Do Something.org

A modern glass bottle takes about 4,000 years or more to decompose--and even longer if it's in a landfill.

-Recycling-Revolution.com

## Plastic



Plastic bags and other plastic waste which makes its way to the ocean kills as many as 1,000,000 marine animals each year.

-Green-network.com

Plastic products account for 11.3% of all municipal solid waste generated in the U.S.

-Keep America Beautiful.org

Americans use 2,500,000 plastic bottles every hour.

-Do Something.org

For information about local recycling, visit:

[HamiltonCountyRecycles.org](http://HamiltonCountyRecycles.org)