



**Metals**—aluminum, steel. An aluminum can that is thrown away will still be an aluminum can 500 years from now.

# [Facts and Tips] Recycling

## Why recycle?

To conserve natural resources, save landfill space, and save energy.

## Where do you start?

At home, work, or school by separating items intended for trash.



**Plastics**—milk, water, most plastic beverage containers. Americans use 2,500,000 plastic bottles every hour.



**Paper**—newspapers, office paper, magazines, junk mail. If all of our newspapers were recycled, we could save about 250,000,000 trees each year.



**Cardboard**—cereal boxes, shoe boxes, packing boxes. Cardboard is used to ship 90 percent of all products in the United States.



**Glass**—beverage and food containers. Glass manufacturers could save enough energy to power 45,000 households for one year if they used 50 percent recycled glass.

The ultimate goal in recycling is to encourage consumers to buy recycled materials and to recycle at home. Contact local recycling coordinators for programs and regulations in your area.

