

Recycling Statistics

The average American family throws away about 10 pounds of garbage a day.

Half of what people in the United States throw away could be recycled.

Recycling is financially sensible. Creating items from recycled materials is far less energy-intensive than creating new items from virgin materials.

Recycling makes good economical sense. Recycling creates jobs and generates valuable revenue for the United States.

Recycling conserves natural resources and helps sustain the environment for future generations.

Recycling is good for your health. It decreases emissions of greenhouse gases and prevents pollution caused by the harvesting and processing of virgin materials.

Recycling conserves landfill space. Conserving landfill space now will help eliminate the need to build new or expanded landfills.



For Your Information

Books

Beyond Recycling: A Re-users Guide by Kathy Stein (1997)

Recycling by Rebecca Stefoff (1999)

Websites

The information for this brochure was found at the websites listed below.

www.ohiodnr.org

www.swaco.org

www.grrn.org

www.epa.gov

www.solidwaste.com

www.container-recycling.org

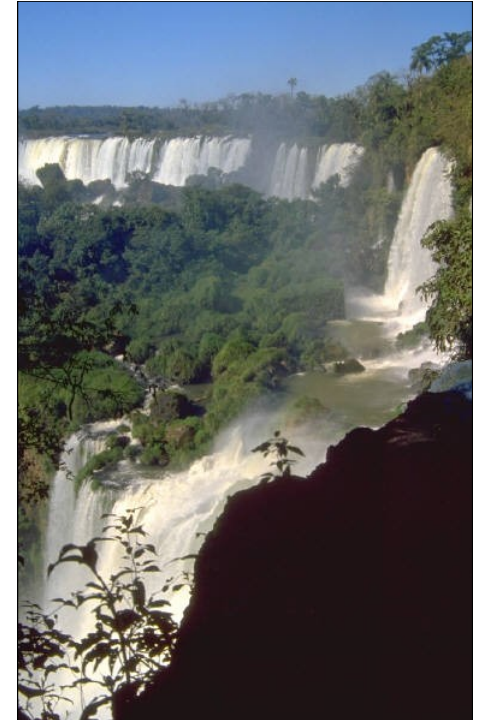
Or Call the Franklin County extension service hotline at (614)462-6700 Ext. 222 for information. For all other counties look under county government and find OSU Extension Services.



*Division of Recycling
& Litter Prevention*



The Columbus Zoo & Aquarium



Recycling: Make It Second Nature!

Are you a Defender...



Defending our natural resources should be a priority for everyone. Don't wait another day to begin a recycling program. Make it second nature in your home.



Buy products that are made of recycled material or that can be recycled once they are used.



Put recycling bins in an accessible area near the trash can. This makes recycling an item just as easy as putting it in the trash.



Make recycling a family event. Let each member of the family take a turn at being the recycling leader. Separating the recyclables and taking them to the curb is an important job. This gets everyone involved!



Promote recycling to city leaders. Voicing your concerns to someone that can take community action will help your community reach it's recycling goal more quickly.



Promote recycling drives with youth groups such as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and 4-H. This helps ensure that education on recycling starts at an early age.



Educate yourself. The more you learn about recycling, the easier it will be. That is when recycling becomes second nature to you.



OR A PRETENDER?