

## WHY RECYCLE?

### IT SAVES NATURAL RESOURCES\*...

By making products from recycled materials rather than raw materials, we reduce the need to cut down trees, drill for oil, and dig for minerals.



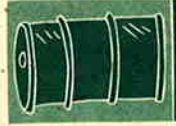
- ◆ Every day, America cuts down two million trees—but throws away about 42 million newspapers.

\*<http://www.oberlin.edu/recycle/facts.html>



### IT SAVES ENERGY\*...

It takes less energy to make recycled products.



- ◆ Making one ton of recycled paper uses only about 60% of the energy needed to make a ton of virgin paper.

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### IT SAVES DISPOSAL COST AND SPACE\*...

When the materials you recycle go into new products, they don't go into landfills. This saves taxpayer dollars and landfill space.



- ◆ 40-50% of the waste stream is paper; that's about 88 million tons a year.

\*<http://www.agmr.umd.edu/ces/4H/pubs/ProjectGuide/Conservation.html>

### IF YOU'RE NOT BUYING RECYCLED, YOU'RE NOT REALLY RECYCLING...

Recycling works only if we use products made from recycled materials. By purchasing these items, we create a demand which will encourage industry to manufacture these products. Ask your area merchants for products made from post-consumer waste.




### A WORD ABOUT JUNK MAIL...

We each get about 40 pounds of junk mail a year, more than a tree's worth per family! See <http://www.ecofuture.org/jnkmail.html> to learn how to stop junk mail or write to Mail Preference Service, c/o Direct Marketing Association, P.O. Box 9008, Farmingdale, NY 11735-9008, and ask to be removed from junk mailing lists.



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# GUIDE TO RECYCLING



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