

Think Green

A Little Change Can Make a Big Difference



RECYCLING...

...**Aluminum** saves 95% of the energy required to produce it vs. virgin aluminum and cuts related air pollution by 95%. Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to run a TV for 3 hours.

...**Glass** saves 50% of energy required to produce it vs. virgin glass. It reduces related air pollution by 20% and water pollution by 50%. Recycling one glass bottle saves enough energy to light a 100-watt bulb for 4 hours.

...**Paper** saves 60% energy required to produce it vs. virgin paper. It generates 95% less air pollution, with each recycled ton saving 60 lbs. of related air pollution. Recycling one ton of paper saves 17 trees and 7,000 gallons of water.

...**Plastic** saves twice as much energy as burning it in an incinerator. It takes 70% less energy to recycle plastic than it does to make it from raw materials. If we recycled every plastic bottle we used, we would keep 2 *billion* tons of plastic out of landfills.

(Sources: Center for Ecological Technology, Environmental Protection Agency, NASA, Penn State, Reynolds Metal Company)

With rapid Central Texas growth comes the need for more energy.

Today, more than ever, we face the ever-growing demand for energy and thus, energy conservation. Recycling is an easy way everyone can contribute to conserving energy and more importantly, ensuring a green tomorrow for future generations.

Below are useful links to recycling resources in your area:

austin texas.gov/department/austin-resource-recovery

williamson countylandfill.wm.com/facility/recycling-center.jsp

hays countytx.com/departments/recycling-solid-waste



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