

# Waste Reduction & Recycling Facts

- North Americans use more than 67 million tonnes of paper per year – that’s about 580 pounds per person!
- Every day, North American businesses generate enough paper to circle the earth 20 times.
- Manufacturing recycled paper uses 64 percent less energy and 58 percent less water than making new paper.
- Every tonne of recycled paper saves 17 trees, 380 gallons of oil, three cubic yards of landfill space, 4,000 kilowatts of energy, and 7,000 gallons of water.
- North Americans make up only 8 percent of the world’s population, but consume one-third of the world’s resources and produce almost half of the world’s non-organic garbage.
- On average, Ontario residents throw away nine times their weight in garbage annually.
- One tree can filter up to 60 pounds of pollutants from the air each year.
- Garbage can take anywhere from a few weeks to thousands of years to decompose. Consider: A traffic ticket takes 2 to 4 weeks, a wool sock takes a year, an aluminum can lasts 200 to 250 years, and a glass bottle finally decomposes after about 1 million years.



**TRIM YOUR  
WASTE**

*Thank You  
for recycling and diverting  
waste from landfills*

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