



Recycling Fact Sheet

ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS OF RECYCLING

Recycling helps cool the planet – it's a fact. Making new packaging from old packaging, removes the need to extract and process natural resources like crude oil, bauxite, iron ore or trees, and there are environmental benefits associated with this. Using old packaging to make new packaging instead of extracting additional natural resources saves :

- Greenhouse gas
- Energy
- Water
- Landfill

These savings or benefits are net benefits, which means they take into account all the processing and transportation associated with the recycling process.

Visy recycles more than 2 million tonnes of used packaging every year, material that otherwise would have been destined for landfill.

RECYCLING TIPS

AT WORK

- reduce the amount of waste you create
- place all cardboard and office paper into your paper recycling bin (if your workplace is not recycling and you would like to start, call your local Council or Visy on 1300 368 479)
- place your plastic bottles, aluminium cans, steel cans, milk and juice cartons into your co-mingled bin (if your workplace is not recycling and you would like to start, call your local Council or Visy on 1300 368 479)
- use the correct bins – non recyclables in the recycling stream are known as 'contamination' and have to be removed by hand by workers
- start a cartridge recycling program in your office for the collection of all printer, photocopier and fax machine ink cartridges.

AT HOME

- ensure that you recycle all your paper, cardboard, plastic containers, aluminium cans, steel cans, cartons and glass. Contact your local Council for a brochure if you are not sure what's acceptable.
- don't put non-recyclable items in your recycling bin.
- reuse plastic bags or use alternatives like calico or wheely bags. Otherwise return old plastic bags to your supermarket for recycling.
- compost food scraps and use on your garden as fertiliser.
- correctly dispose of any large electrical goods (eg fridges, washing machine, dryers etc) through either your local council or private recyclers.

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