



Aluminum & Glass Recycling Facts

Keep America Beautiful® shares facts about the importance of recycling aluminum and glass to help save resources and energy, and support a circular economy. When you choose to purchase items, especially those that are packaged in aluminum or glass, choose to support a clean environment and a circular economy by recycling!

1. Aluminum cans are infinitely recyclable with nearly 75% of all aluminum ever produced still in use today.
2. In as few as 60 days, the aluminum can that contains your favorite beverage may have been manufactured, filled, sold, recycled, and remanufactured.
3. Over the past 30 years, glass bottles have been reduced in weight by approximately 40%, saving energy in shipping.
4. Glass bottles are 100% recyclable and can be recycled indefinitely.
5. Recycle only glass containers used for food and beverages; other types of glass, such as windows, ovenware, Pyrex, crystal, etc. are manufactured through a different process and are not recyclable.
6. Recycled glass is part of the recipe for making new glass, and the more that is used, the greater the decrease in energy used in the furnace.
7. Nationwide, over 530,000 jobs are attributed to the recycling industry.

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