



If each one of us does our part to recycle, we can make a **HUGE** difference! The earth that will exist for future generations is up to us. **Cody, Wyoming** is a beautiful, scenic area and we have a responsibility to preserve its natural beauty. Take a moment to pick up that can or wrapper and dispose of it in a trash receptacle.



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## Recycle

### Five Good Reasons

1. Recycling conserves our valuable natural resources.
2. Recycling saves energy
3. Recycling saves clean air and clean water
4. Recycling saves landfill space.
5. Recycling can save money and create jobs.

Computer Paper  
Office Paper  
Newspaper  
Magazines  
Phone Books  
Corrugated Cardboard  
Aluminum Cans  
Plastics #1 and #2  
Tin Cans

Cody Recycling Center  
531 15th Street  
Cody, WY 82414

Monday—Friday  
7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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*Once is not enough....please recycle!*

# Recycling Tidbits

*Did you know.....*

In 2015, the Cody Recycling Program shipped **2,048,914** pounds (1,024.61 tons) of recyclables to out-of-town mills. The Recycling Program kept the following products out of the Park County Landfill:

600,236 pounds of newspaper

75,540 pounds of office paper

1,290,780 pounds of cardboard

15,266 pounds of aluminum

46,902 pounds of plastic

The Recycling Program has been in existence in Cody since 1993 when Cody recycled approximately **184,882** pounds of materials. In 2000, Cody recycled over **653,282** pounds of materials. In the year 2003, Cody recycled approximately **964,713** pounds. All material brought in to the Recycling Center from businesses and residential is volunteer.

Remote recycling collection trailers are now located in the Walmart and Kmart parking lots.

How long does it take things to break down?

Banana peel...2 months

Cotton diaper...4 months

Wool mitten...1 year

Cardboard milk carton...5 years

Tin...100 years

Aluminum...500 years

## Why Recycle?

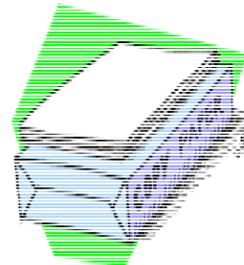
There are several reasons why recycling is better than throwing out. First of all, it's not as hard to recycle as you think. Perhaps you just finished a can of pop. Your trash can is probably about as far away from



## What is the Earth worth to you?

you as your recycling bin. It's not really any extra work to wash out the can and put it in your bin. And besides, it's a good thing for our earth if you do that! Another reason to recycle is that it saves money, something which we all value (\$)! It's a lot cheaper to use existing materials by melting them down than to go out and find new ones. By recycling that pop can earlier, you saved enough energy to run a TV for three hours straight! So recycling aluminum saves aluminum **and** energy too! A third reason to recycle is that it saves our natural resources. If you were able to time-warp to the second half of the 21st century, you may find that much of the oil, bauxite (aluminum ore) and trees are almost gone! Would you want **your** kids living in a world like that? If we can pick up the pace and recycle more, there will be more resources for the future\*.

Paper takes up as much as 50% of all landfill space. The average person in North America uses 550 pounds of paper each year. If recycled each person would save about 4.6 average sized trees\*.



Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to run a TV for three hours...or the equivalent of a half a gallon of gaso-line.\*

\*Source: funfacts.html



Paper is the most common thing in a garbage dump. About 40% of an average dump is paper, all of which is recyclable! But, each time a piece of paper is recycled,

20% of the fibers are lost, so it can only be recycled 5 times. When looking for paper products that **already are** recycled, look for the words, *Made from recycled products*, *Post-Consumer Waste* or the recycling symbol. Some grocery stores even allow you to recycle your shopping bags at the store! And you *should* buy recycled paper. When you use recycled paper instead of new paper, you save 35% of water pollution and 70% of air pollution used in making new paper. Corrugated cardboard is also recyclable, and 9% of an average dump is made of it.

- The amount of wood and paper that is thrown away each year is enough to heat 50,000,000 homes for 20 years.
- The average household throws away 13,000 separate pieces of paper each year. Most is packaging and junk mail\*.

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