

Brewster Facts

1. Recycling is the most famous type of waste management. In Ontario the words "Blue Box" have become part of everyday life. About 80% of Ontario homes recycle with a Blue Box system.

2. On average everyone in Canada produces one tonne of waste each year. Recycling can divert close to 30% of our waste from landfills. In a year, recycling could divert nearly 10 million tonnes of waste in this country.



3. Recycling begins when a person separates recyclable items from other waste at home, school, or work; this is called source separation. They are then collected and sorted by a recycling company. The amount of sorting depends upon needs of the company buying the products. Recyclable materials are then used as raw materials in manufacturing new items. When you buy them the recycling loop starts all over again

4. It is important for people to buy recycled products. Companies only make things they think will sell. When a person buys a pad of recycled paper for example, this lets the company who makes the paper know there is a demand for the product. They buy their raw materials to make new paper from recycling companies. Recycling companies get their paper from the Blue Boxes or depots that you fill. Buying recycled products completes the recycling loop.

5. There are many recycling symbols. Most have three arrows bent to form a triangle. The triangle is based on a Mobius Loop; the loop is named after its inventor August Mobius. There are no laws regulating the use of recycling symbols or the words recycled and recyclable. People should call their recycling company before placing recyclable material in the Blue Box or depot. If the recycling company does not collect a certain type of container or other product then that container or product is not recyclable no matter how many recycling symbols it has.

6. Recycling is a great method of saving our natural resources and energy. Making an aluminium can from recycled aluminium uses just 5% of the energy needed to make the can from raw bauxite. Remember recycling is smart so do your part!