

America Recycles Day Announcements

To be read the week after November 15 because it falls on a Sunday

The following are CHS announcements to be read during SRT live announcements pertaining to recycling for your consideration:

Each announcement will be preceded by the sentence:

November 15 is America Recycles Day, so this week we will offer some facts and tips regarding recycling

1. Did you know that the average Hoosier throws away 4.5 pounds of garbage a day? The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimates that about 75% of that "garbage" is actually materials that could be recycled. For example, plastic "bottles" from soda and milk can be transformed into not only new containers, but also fleece clothing, stuffed animals, carpet, plastic lumber, car parts and shopping carts. If your plastic bottle has a 1 or a 2 inside a triangle on the bottom, remove the cap, rinse and recycle it. (Source: Indiana Department of Environmental Management/IDEM)

2. Did you just get your first car or are you dreaming of it? Remember that many aspects of car maintenance involve important recycling. For example, the typical car battery contains up to 60-80% recycled lead and plastic components. And, car tires can be recycled into rubber used for new roads, floor mats, trails and mulch. Even the oil your car's engine needs can be recycled. In fact, the world's largest waste oil processing plant is located in East Chicago, Indiana! The facility recycles 75 million gallons of oil and 20 million gallons of oily wastewater per year. Even your used oil filters and antifreeze can be recycled. (Source: IDEM)

3. Do you enjoy soda and other canned drinks? Remember to recycle your aluminum cans...they may just be back on the store shelves within 6 weeks! This also saves 95% of the energy used to make aluminum cans from raw materials taken from the earth. Its a similar story for steel and tin cans, which we Americans use enough in one day to stretch from New York to Los Angeles and back again...in one day! Those cans are remade into everything from paper clips, to appliances, to steel framing for housing. But only if we put them in the recycling bin! (Source: IDEM)

4. Here are some facts that may get you motivated to start, or continue to recycle school papers, newspaper and junk mail. The paper one person uses in a year would stack as high as a two story building...Hoosiers receive almost 35,000 tons of junk mail every year...and unfortunately most of it ends up in land fills...and if everyone in the U.S. would recycle just their Sunday newspaper, over 500,000 trees would be saved every week! Every school in Carmel, any many other locations have paper recycling bins...be sure to make frequent contributions! (Source: IDEM)

The following are elementary and middle school level announcements pertaining to recycling to be read during morning announcements:

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November 15 is America Recycles Day, so this week we will offer some facts and tips regarding recycling.

1. Did you know that the paper placed in the Abitibi Paper Retriever bins is converted into new paper in just two weeks? Remember not to include cardboard or phone books.

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Otherwise, keep up the good work on recycling your office and school papers, junk mail and newspapers...it all saves trees and energy. (Source: Abitibi)

2. Did you know that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimates that 75 percent of what Americans throw in the trash could actually be recycled? Help your family find an unused container to start collecting glass, plastic and metal for recycling. (Source: Indiana Department of Environmental Management/IDEM)

3. Did you know that most boxes are made from recycled paper and other boxes? Most boxes and many packing supplies can be recycled. Be sure to help your parents flatten boxes before recycling them. (Source: IDEM.)

4. Did you know that aluminum cans might be back on the store shelf within 6 weeks of being recycled? Recycling aluminum cans saves 95 percent of the energy used to make the cans from raw materials. After using, rinse your cans and squish them flat before recycling. (Source: IDEM.)

5. Did you know that soda and water bottles can be recycled into new containers, fleece clothing, stuffed animals and carpet? The most commonly recycled plastic bottles are labeled on the bottom with a "1" or a "2" inside a triangle. Look for the recycle symbol and these numbers on your bottles then remove the cap, rinse and recycle. (Source: IDEM.)