

RECYCLABLE OF THE MONTH

Dec. 2024

CARD-BOARD



ITEM: **CARDBOARD** - more is used in **DECEMBER** than in any month! Please Recycle it - it's easy to do!

EXCLUDE THESE ITEMS: Cardboard that is soiled, contaminated, dirty &/or wet. Exclude any packaging materials: remove foam, bubble wrap, air pillows, & as much tape as possible. Exclude waxed cardboard.

HOW TO RECYCLE: Flatten your clean cardboard! Bring it to the RDF - place it in Bin marked "Cardboard" - along the Recycling Wall.

RECYCLING FACTS:

- **CARDBOARD** is used to ship **90%** of all packages in the United States. That's more than 400 billion square feet of cardboard.
- Shipping boxes are officially known as corrugated cardboard. It has extra layer of fiber that zig-zags between brown sheets making it sturdier.
- Recycling just **1 ton** of cardboard saves 700 gallons of water, 46 gallons of oil, 390 kWh of energy (ie: 6.6 million BTUs of energy), 9 cubic yards of landfill space, and 17 trees!
- Recycling cardboard only takes 75 % of the energy needed to make new cardboard and obviously saves on the mega number of trees cut down.
- In the U.S. annually - roughly 100 billion cardboard boxes are produced and 75 billion boxes are recycled. That's 75%! So we need to do more!

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