

RECYCLING 101

# HELP KEEP THE EVERGREEN STATE GREEN: BE A STAR RECYCLER!



The first Earth Day was celebrated on April 22, 1970. Twenty years later, Earth Day became an international day of awareness to help draw attention to the importance of protecting our planet. People celebrate the day in many ways: with community events, park or trail cleanups, planting trees and other special activities to show their appreciation of the earth.

Earth Day is officially April 22, but you can help make every day Earth Day when you reduce waste and recycle more. There are many benefits to recycling, such as:

- Preventing pollution
- Saving energy
- Preserving the environment
- Reducing the size of our landfills
- Saving money
- Saving natural resources like water and trees



YOU CAN CELEBRATE EARTH DAY EVERY DAY!

In 25 years, the City of Seattle alone recycled 15,000 tons of aluminum, enough to produce one billion aluminum cans which, if laid end-to-end, would encircle the earth THREE times!

Republic Services helped pioneer recycling in the Pacific Northwest more than 25 years ago with its state-of-the-art recycling facility located in Seattle. Today, with your help, Republic recycles more than 200,000 tons of material each year; the equivalent weight of nearly 500 fully-loaded Boeing 747 airplanes! That's a lot of stuff! Help recycle more! Go to [RepublicServices.com](http://RepublicServices.com) for more FUN tips and resources to help you recycle more—at school and at home.

The 1.2 million tons of paper that have been recycled are the equivalent of 240 billion sheets of office paper. If laid end-to-end, these sheets would run from the Moon to the Earth and back EIGHT times!

In just 25 years, the City of Seattle recycled more than 1.7 million tons of material, enough to fill two city landfills. Through innovation and technology, Republic helps communities come together on behalf of a cleaner, healthier environment.

We have recycled more than 550,000 tons of newspaper, which is like saving a forest with 9 million trees!

Check with your parents and teachers to see which Earth Day activities are happening in your community. Remember: every day can be Earth Day when you reduce waste and recycle more.

### LIST OF ACTIVITIES

- Hold an Earth Day fair
- Ride your bike
- Help clean up a park
- Work to restore a trail
- Put waste in its place: be litter free
- Go for a hike; enjoy the outdoors responsibly
- Plant trees



HOW WILL YOU CELEBRATE EARTH DAY?



Republic Services started recycling in Washington over 25 years ago. With its giant recycling center located in Seattle, Republic recycles over 200,000 tons of material each year. That's the weight of nearly 500 fully-loaded Boeing 747 airplanes! This state-of-the-art center sorts material down to the molecular level with high-tech optical scanners. Yes, this equipment actually "sees" what goes where! How cool is that?

But even with the best recycling center in the Northwest, we need *your* help to reduce waste and recycle more at home and at school. Learn more at [republicservices.com](http://republicservices.com).



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