

ALTOGETHER RECYCLING

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Earth Day Every Day at Altogether Recycling

DENVER (April 15, 2008) – Altogether Recycling™ will celebrate Earth Day by doing the same thing it does every day, saving the planet one aluminum can at a time.

Altogether Recycling has made its commitment to the Colorado community and environment by providing the most advanced recycling technology available. The company's single-stream recycling system, the first competitive system of its kind in Colorado, allows for maximum landfill diversion of waste while seeking to put commodities such as cans, plastic containers, newspapers, cardboard and glass right back to use in our community.

“Altogether Recycling strives to help maintain a healthy, sustainable environment in the local community,” said Brent Hildebrand, vice president of Altogether Recycling. “It is very satisfying to see the large amount of materials coming into our plant every day, going through the recycling process and out the back door for reuse by other businesses.”

According to the Bureau of Land Management, some recyclable materials that end up in landfills could be there well beyond our lifetimes. Tin cans take 80-to-100 years to decompose; aluminum cans take 200-to-400 years to decompose; and a plastic six-pack holder can take 450 years to decompose. Paper has a shorter life-expectancy of two-to-four weeks, but it also occupies on average up to 40 percent of landfill space, according to the Environmental Protection Agency.

What can you do to help?

- Recycle glass – the energy saved by recycling one glass bottle will light a 100-watt light bulb for four hours.
- Recycle newspapers – If the nation were to recycle all its Sunday papers for just one week, more than 500,000 trees would be saved.

- Recycle aluminum – You could run a television set for three hours on the energy saved by recycling one aluminum can.

Altogether Sustainability Statistics

	March	Year-to-date
Landfill space saved (cubic yards)	6,542	19,257
Gallons of gasoline conserved	43,255	91,443
Kilowatts per hour of electricity conserved	7,648,124	22,826,261
Trees conserved	30,639	91,443
Gallons of water conserved	12,615,908	37,652,895
Gallons of oil conserved	834,452	2,490,470

About Altogether Recycling™

Denver-based Altogether Recycling is a Colorado owned-and-operated entity committed to working with partners throughout the state. Its cutting-edge technology separates a wide variety of recyclable materials from a single, mixed stream. Those recyclables include aluminum, cardboard, bottles, cans, newspaper, office paper and some plastics. Substantial amounts of the commodities recovered at the Altogether Recycling facility are resold to local businesses. The new plant at 645 W. 53rd Place in Denver gives the recycling community a place to join forces in the effort to divert increasing amounts of material away from landfills. Altogether Recycling is a division of Alpine Waste & Recycling. For information, go to www.altogetherrecycling.com.