“Recycling Is The Right Thing To Do!”

Recycling Saves Landfill Space.
- Forest View Landfill in KCK closed in 2006.
- Only 3 left in metro area. What happens when they fill up?
- Recycling 1 ton of plastics saves 30 cubic yards.
- Recycling 1 ton of aluminum saves 10 cubic yards.
- Recycling 1 ton of paper saves 3-4 cubic yards.

Recyclables Are Used As Raw Materials For New Products.
- The U.S could be called the Saudi Arabia of paper.
- But the U.S. annually throws away $3-4 billion worth of paper.
- Plastics are made into bottles, carpeting, t-shirts & lumber.
- Paper made into newspapers, food packages, insulation, & mulch.
- Aluminum made into cans, pie pans, house siding, & appliances.

Recycling Saves Natural Resources:
- Recycling 1 ton of paper saves 463 gallons of oil.
- Recycling 1 ton of paper saves 4,077 kilowatts of energy.
- Recycling 1 ton of paper saves 6,953 gallons of water.
- Recycling 1 ton of paper saves 17 trees.

Recycling Saves Energy & Reduces Greenhouse Gases
- Recycling 1 ton of aluminum uses 28 times less energy than using bauxite ore to make aluminum.
- Using recycled aluminum reduces the gas of sulfur dioxide, which causes acid rain.

Recycling Industry Creates Jobs and Income
- 56,061 businesses in the recycling industry.
- 1,121,804 people employed in the recycling industry.
- $36.7 billion annual payroll in the recycling industry.
- $236.3 billion annual revenues in the recycling industry.