FACTS

Aluminum
- Every 3 months the U.S. throws away enough aluminum to rebuild our commercial air fleet.
- In America, 1,500 aluminum cans are recycled every second.
- The energy saved from one recycled aluminum can is able to operate a television set for three hours.

Plastic
- Every year we make enough plastic film to shrink-wrap the state of Texas.
- Annually America produces the equivalent of 10 pounds of plastic for every person on earth.
- Americans go through 2.5 million plastic bottles every hour.

Glass
- Every year we throw away 28 billion glass bottles and jars - enough to fill the 1,350-foot twin towers of New York's World Trade Center every two weeks.
- Because glass takes so long to decompose, the bottle you throw away today might still be littering the landscape in the year 3000.

Paper
- Every year Americans throw away enough office and writing paper to build a wall 12 feet high, stretching from Los Angeles to New York City.
- If everyone in the U.S. recycled even 1/10 of their newspapers, we would save about 1.5 million trees every year.

Cardboard
- Every year we use the equivalent of 120 corrugated cardboard boxes for every American.

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REDUCE
REUSE
RECYCLE

You've been told time and time again...

So why are we telling you again??

Because students in residence halls CAN make a difference!

HOW?!

Recycling bins will be located on each floor in your residence hall.

Up to 2/3 of the waste produced by residence halls can be recycled -- we're asking you to do your share.

THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- Not all #1 and #2 plastics can be recycled - only milk jugs and 2-liter bottles.
- Paperboard cannot be recycled (EX: cereal, kleenex, and beverage boxes).
- Pizza boxes cannot be recycled -- the bin provided is only for convenient disposal.
- Watch for contamination of mixed paper bins with food and other unacceptable items.
- Any materials that may be contaminated with food (napkins, paper plates, etc.) cannot be recycled.