

# *HAYS* **Matters**

## **REMEMBER THE 3 R'S – REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE**

The City of Hays Residential Blue Bag Recycling program is one of the most successful programs in the State of Kansas. Eighty percent (80%) of our customers recycle on a regular basis. Good Job!!

### **Did you know...**

-  Five (5) recycled plastic bottles create enough fiberfill to stuff one ski jacket!
-  In a lifetime, the average American will throw away over 600 times his/her adult weight in garbage.
-  Recycling one glass bottle saves enough electricity to light a 100 watt bulb for 4 hours.
-  Making aluminum from raw materials takes 20 times as much energy as making recycled aluminum.
-  Five important reasons why Americans should recycle:

1. Saves natural resources
2. Saves energy
3. Saves clean air and water
4. Saves landfill space
5. Creates jobs



-  The average American throws away over four pounds of garbage every day.
-  4100 kilowatts saved per every ton recycled.
-  60 pounds of air pollution reduced per every ton recycled.
-  By recycling one ton of paper you save:
  - 17 trees
  - 6953 gallons of water
  - 463 gallons of oil
  - 587 pounds of air pollution
  - 3.06 cubic yards of landfill space
  - 4077 Kilowatt hours of energy
-  American consumers and industry throw away enough aluminum to rebuild our entire commercial air fleet every three months.
-  Americans go through 2.5 million plastic bottles every hour, only a small percentage of which are now recycled.
-  Every year 24 million tons of leaves and grass clippings are throw away that could be composted to conserve landfill space.
-  Compost and wood chips are available year round at the Compost Site. South of UPS on General Custer. Come and get it! IT'S FREE! Call 628-7357 for questions.

**KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK HAYS!**