

# WELCOME

## TO OUR SEASONAL NEWSLETTER

There's something for everyone to do including you! No matter where you live, there are many things you can do around your neighborhood or at school. The starting point for behavioral changes is here and now!

Garbage isn't something most American's want to think about every day but we do and while America is making gains in the effort to reduce the amount of waste produced each year, there is still a lot of work to do and everyone can help.

Parents' start with your children to "Keep America Beautiful" by teaching the fundamentals of litter prevention, preserving our resources, responsible solid waste management and how to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

This newsletter belongs to you! Let us know if your child or school has done anything neat with recycling and we will feature them on this



## DID YOU KNOW FACTS

- Americans go through on an average of 2.5 million plastic bottles per hour.
- Recycling one glass bottle saves enough energy to light a 100 watt bulb for 4 hours. Glass never wears out it last forever.
- It takes an aluminum can 200-500 years to disintegrate in a landfill.
- 11% of American garbage is food waste of which 9% is compostable.
- Recycling one can save enough energy to run a TV for 3 hours.
- Packaging accounts for more than 30% of your garbage. Every year each person creates 30% more garbage.
- Recycling one tone of paper saves 3 cubic yards of landfill space.
- Recycle one ton of paper and you save 17 trees.
- 500,000 trees could be saved from being cut down if every family in the U.S. recycled their newspaper.
- 58% of U.S. newspapers are recycled.

