

- 1. Recycling one aluminium can will help to save enough energy to run your home television for about three hours
- 2. A recycled can is back on store shelves within 60 days
- 3. Aluminium dumped into our landfills today will remain there for over 200 years
- 4. Recycling aluminium cans saves 95% of the energy used to make new aluminium cans
- 5. Did you know that four 6 packs of aluminium cans will support the weight of a 4,000 pound aluminium car
- 6. 1 recycled glass bottle would save enough energy to power a computer for 25 minutes, a TV for 3 hours and a 100 watt light bulb for 4 hours.
- 7. Glass is one of the easiest things to recycle. Recycling one tonne of glass saves over 300kgs of CO2 emissions
- 8. Up to 90% of new glass can be made from recycled glass
- 9. On average an Irish family consumes around 500 glass bottles and jars each year
- 10. Glass placed in landfill will never decompose. Archaeologists are still finding glass used during the Roman age
- 11. 1 recycled plastic bottle would save enough energy to power a 60-watt light bulb for 3 hours
- 12. Most families throw away about 40kg of plastic per year, which could otherwise be recycled
- 13. Plastic can take up to 500 years to decompose
- 14. Because plastic water bottles are shielded from sunlight in landfills, they will not decompose for thousands of years
- 15. Recycling one ton of plastic saves the equivalent of 1,000–2,000 gallons of petrol
- 16. 50 percent of the plastic we use, we use just once and throw away. Enough plastic is thrown away each year to circle the earth four times
- 17. Annually approximately 500 billion plastic bags are used worldwide. More than one million bags are used every minute
- 18. 47% of people admit to deliberately placing contaminated waste in their recycling bin
- 19. Just one piece of contaminated packaging can ruin an entire recycling bin
- 20. Over 100,000 tonnes of contaminated packaging is sent to landfill every year emiting 150,000 tonnes of carbon into the atmosphere