* The average person generates over 4 pounds of trash every day and about 1.5 tons of solid waste per year.
* Americans make more than 200 million tons of garbage each year, enough to fill Busch Stadium from top to bottom twice a day.
* The EPA estimates that 75% of the American waste stream is recyclable, but we only recycle about 30% of it.
* We generate 21.5 million tons of food waste each year. If we composted that food, it would reduce the same amount of greenhouse gas as taking 2 million cars off the road.
* Recycling one aluminum can save enough energy to listen to a full album on your iPod. Recycling 100 cans could light your bedroom for two whole weeks.
* The Container Recycling Institute estimates that the 36 billion aluminum cans landfilled last year had a scrap value of more than $600 million.
* Americans throw away about 28 billion bottles and jars every year. In 2009, Americans threw away almost 9 million tons of glass. That could fill enough tractor trailers to stretch from NYC to LA (and back!) A glass container can go from a recycling bin to a store shelf in as few as 30 days.

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