



# **CLEAN YOUR FILES DAY 2003**

## **Just Think of the Reasons to Recycle.**



- 1 - It takes 75,000 trees each week to produce the Sunday edition of the New York Times.**
  
- 2 - If Americans recycled just one-tenth of their newspapers, we would save 25 million trees a year.**
  
- 3 - Recycling and reusing the material in "tin" cans reduces energy use by 74%, air pollution by 85%, solid waste by 95%, and water pollution by 76%.**
  
- 4 - It takes 95% less energy to make aluminum by recycling it than by producing it from its natural ore, bauxite. It costs less too.**
  
- 5 - The average American uses 580 pounds of paper each year. As a nation we consume 850 million trees annually.**
  
- 6 - In 1991, the Great Wall of China became the second largest man-made structure in the world. The largest was Fresh Kills Landfill, serving New York City. It is now the highest point on the east coast.**
  
- 7 - Americans throw away 2.5 million plastic bottles every hour!**
  
- 8 - For every glass bottle recycled, we save enough energy to light a 100 watt light bulb for 4 hours.**
  
- 9 - Every year, Americans throw away enough office and writing paper to build a wall 12 feet high from New York to Los Angeles.**
  
- 10 - In one year, American steel recycling saves enough energy to heat and light 18 million homes. One pound of steel saves enough energy to light a 60-watt bulb for 24 hours.**