

# Kansas Green Teams

## Friday Facts



### Recycle and Reuse.... what things are made of!

Most of us know that recycling turns materials that would otherwise become waste into valuable resources. Collecting used bottles, cans, and newspapers and taking them to the curb or to a collection facility is just the first in a series of steps that generates a host of financial, environmental and social returns. Some of these benefits accrue locally as well as globally. So just what do they make with this stuff? (Be sure and check out the links below)

Source: [EPA](#)

### [Recycled Lumber](#)

About 14 million tons of wood waste (e.g., urban wood waste, woody debris from suburban land clearing, and rural forestry residuals) were generated in 2003 according to the EPA. Reclaimed wood is simply wood that has been salvaged and repurposed to give it an extended or second useful life.



[Flooring](#), [Composite Lumber](#), [Furniture](#)



### [Recycled Plastics](#)

In 2007, the United States generated almost 14 million tons of plastics in the MSW stream as containers and packaging, almost 7 million tons as nondurable goods, and about 10 million tons as durable. Plastics play an important role in almost every aspect of our lives. Plastics are used to manufacture everyday products such as beverage containers, and household items. Other use include fencing, furniture, and toys.



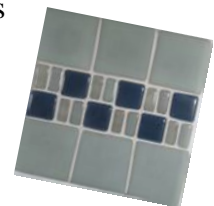
[Fencing & Furniture](#), [Toys](#)

### [Recycled Glass](#)

American generated 13.6 million tons of glass in the municipal solid waste (MSW) stream in 2008 and about 24 percent was recovered for recycling. Soft drink, beer, food, wine and liquor containers represent the largest source of glass. These food and beverage containers, can be recycled over and over again. 90 percent of recycled glass is used to make new containers. Other uses for recycled glass include counter tops, kitchen tiles and insulation.



[Counter tops](#), [Kitchen tiles](#) and [Insulation](#).



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