

Recycling Facts



- From May, 2011 through October 2016, GRIC residents have collected 1,490,140 pounds (745.07 Tons) of recyclable material. When a household recycles, trash can be reduced by 40 to 60 percent!
- Recycling has saved the Community \$44,704 in trash disposal fees.
- Recycling keeps material out of landfills. When a landfill reaches capacity and is closed, it must be monitored for 30 years to ensure no toxic chemicals contaminate groundwater
- The U.S. uses **25 BILLION** styrofoam cups per year. The cups leave synthetic material in a landfill forever.
- Every three months, Americans throw enough aluminum in the landfills to build our nation's entire commercial air fleet.



It takes approximately 700 years for plastic to break down in a landfill. This means that your great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-grandchildren will be present when the plastic bottle you threw in the trash today finally decomposes.