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TWIN CITIES METRO AREA COUNTIES LAUNCH A COLLABORATIVE CAMPAIGN TO DISPEL MYTHS ABOUT RECYCLING IN MINNESOTA

The Twin Cities metro area collects enough recyclables each year to equal the weight of about four large cruise ships.

TWIN CITIES, Dec. 19 — Questions about what happens to recycling after it leaves our homes have been increasing over the years. Six metro counties are working together to restore trust in Minnesota's recycling system with this united message: In Minnesota, recycling exists.

With the upcoming holidays bringing an increase in waste, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott and Washington counties want you to know that recycling is real and it works.

In Minnesota your recycled items become new products, locally and regionally, when you recycle right. Minnesota is home to many recycling facilities that collect, sort, process and manufacture items made from the bottles, boxes and other containers residents put in their home recycling bins every day.

Glass bottles and jars are sorted by color in Saint Paul. Clear glass is sent to Shakopee to make bottles for drinks, pickles, salad dressing and more.

Plastic milk and laundry detergent jugs are made into durable decking, fencing and landscaping products in Paynesville, and plastic drink bottles and produce containers are made into new plastic bottles in Wisconsin and Ohio.

Recycled paper and cardboard are made into cereal and cracker boxes in Saint Paul.

Recycled food cans are made into new products like wire, and parts for cars and appliances in the Midwest.





Local efforts to recycle and reduce waste save energy, protect resources and support about 78,000 jobs in the state. Annually, the Twin Cities metro area recycles an average of 900,000 tons of paper and cardboard, metal, glass and plastic – that’s the weight of about four large cruise ships!

Minnesotans can be proud that recycling works here.

Learn more at RecyclingExists.com.

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