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Recycling Around the World!



World-Wide Waste Management

With Amy reporting back that **litter and pollution are a serious problem** over in India, and some Indian states including Delhi, Punjab and Goa placing a **ban on all plastic bags**, we thought it was time we looked into recycling trends across the globe. Here we share waste-management facts and symbols from around the world!

North America

- The United States recycles around **28%** of its waste – double what they recycled a decade ago
- Americans use 2.5 million plastic bottles every hour, but only **25%** of them are recycled
- The highest point in Hamilton County, Ohio is Mount Rumpke, a mountain of rubbish at the Rumpke sanitary landfill towering 319m above sea level
- **90%** of Canadian households recycle in some way, but only around **27%** of their total waste is recycled

South America

- In Mexico, recycled paper is the principal feedstock in paper mills, accounting for about **75%** of raw materials
- Brazil recycles up to 3.9 million tonnes of paper each year – **45%** of their annual consumption
- Peru opened its first recycling plant in 2007, to recycle plastic packaging
- **11%** of Buenos Aires' waste is recycled thanks to 15,000 informal *cartoneros*



Europe

- Austria is the EU leader in recycling, with around **60%** of its waste being recycled
- Greece falls behind in the European recycling race, with just **10%** of its waste being recycling
- In the UK, **37%** of household waste was recycled in 2008/09, compared to **14%** in 2000/01. Over the same period, the proportion of waste sent to landfill fell from **78%** to **50%**.
- The Netherlands recycled 2.5 million tonnes of paper in 2005 - **75%** of annual consumption



Asia

- Japan recycled **88.1%** of their steel cans in 2006, the world's highest rate
- It is estimated that **20%** of China's recyclables are collected by informal waste pickers to sell on to recycling facilities
- Over 1 million people in India work in waste management in some way, including the waste pickers

- Thailand recycles approximately **22%** of urban waste – rural waste is predominantly organic and reused as fuel or animal feed
- India recycles around **40%** of its waste electronic and electrical goods (WEEE)



Africa

- South Africa recycles **67.5%** of its steel cans, but only **10%** of their WEEE
- In the soleRebels factory in Ethiopia, waste tyres are recycled into shoes and sold world-wide
- In the city of Mahajanga, Madagascar, organic waste is transformed into compost for local agriculture, reducing CO₂ output by 12,000 tonnes a year
- Around 80 million litres of used oil are collected annually in South Africa

World-Wide Green Symbols

There are also a wide variety of different symbols used across the world to label a product that is recycled / beneficial to the environment in some way, including these:



Universal Recycling Logo



Japan Paper Recycling



Taiwan Recycling



Green Dot



International Tidyman



USA Green Seal



Thai Green Label



European Ecolabel

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