



# Recycling Facts



For every cartridge that is remanufactured, **over a pound** of plastics is withheld from the waste stream.

*SOURCE: U.S. Dept. of Energy Office of Industrial Technologies*

With the US consuming approximately **850 million** gallons of oil a day, we are helping to conserve a valuable natural resource. Remember, oil is a non-renewable fossil fuel and cannot be remade!



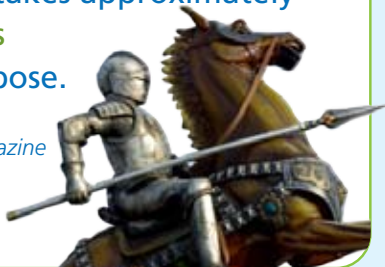
The average toner cartridge weighs 3-1/2 to 4 pounds, which means that the **total weight of cartridges** thrown away each year is equivalent to **57,612 Ford Explorers** or **112,463 Volkswagen Beetles**.



*SOURCE: Recharger Magazine*

The industrial grade plastic used in a typical inkjet or laser cartridge takes approximately **1000 years** to decompose.

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The plastic in each laser toner cartridge takes **three and a half quarts** of oil to produce, and each new inkjet cartridge requires **two and a half ounces** of oil.

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Each year, more than 300 million plastic printer cartridges end up dumped in landfills in the United States and around the world.



SOURCE:  
*Recharger Magazine*

As an industry, compatible manufacturers conserve more oil each month than was spilled by the Exxon Valdez in 1989.

SOURCE:  
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The number of inkjet and laser cartridges being sold is growing each year, by recycling your inkjet and laser cartridges you are helping reduce waste in our nation's overburdened landfills. The worldwide laser toner cartridge market in 2002 was \$18.3 billion. In 2006 is estimated to be \$23.4 billion.

SOURCE: *International Imaging Technology Council*



Although recycling of ink and toner cartridges does have a number of benefits, remanufacturing is a superior choice, both environmentally and economically.

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- 73% of all homes have inkjet printers
- The average home uses 4 inkjets a year
- 95% of all inkjets are thrown away

**That totals 1 MILLION cartridges each day!**

