

### Answering the “So What?” of Recycling

If you’re an irregular recycler, or on the fence about recycling, here are six reasons why so many in our community choose to recycle:

1. **Recycling helps you be more responsible** – According to academic studies, those who recycle become more self-aware about how much they acquire and how they dispose of things.
2. **Recycling preserves natural resources** – Recycling materials such as paper, metal and plastic to make new things reduces the need to use virgin materials, which means reducing the need to cut down trees and mine and drill into the Earth.
3. **Recycling helps our economy** – Recycling supports businesses dependent on recycling – from companies that provide recycling services to manufacturers dependent on using recycled goods.
4. **Recycling saves energy** – Every product you purchase requires enormous amounts of energy to produce: harvesting a product’s raw materials, transporting these materials, manufacturing them into final form, and bringing the product to market.
5. **Recycling reduces pollution in our community** – Recycling reduces the need for newly manufactured goods, which helps reduce the pollution generated by material-making industrial processes. Recycling also helps cut down on carbon emissions, which reduces greenhouse gases.

For more information about recycling at home, refer to [RamseyRecycles.com/GeneralRecycling](https://www.ramseyrecycles.com/general-recycling).