

INKJET CARTRIDGE DISPOSAL



ENVIRONMENTAL FACTS

More than 13 million inkjet cartridges are disposed every second in the United States, an estimated 375 million each year. The average toner cartridge is composed of 40 percent plastic, 40 percent metal and small amounts of rubber, paper, foam and toner. Of the materials that make up ink cartridges, 97 percent can be reused and recycled. Unfortunately, only 5 percent of used or empty printer cartridges are recycled.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Printer cartridge users, such as schools and businesses, add millions of tons of waste each year to our landfills. Each remanufactured cartridge saves

nearly 3.5 pounds of solid waste from being landfilled. You can make a difference in the environment by simply following these tips.

- Reduce your consumption by printing less.
- Refill inkjet cartridges at home with refill kits or at many office supply stores or online. Cartridges can be usually refilled three to five times.
- Sell your used cartridges to one of many companies that manufacture and resell cartridges. You can do a search online for these companies, such as www.printcountry.com and www.recycleplace.com.



- Drop off your cartridges at a local office supply store that may offer incentives to recycle cartridges, such as free paper or discounts on inkjet purchases.
- Host a fundraiser through an organization that hosts inkjet cartridge collection. Participating schools and organizations like "Recycle for the Cure" at www.virtualtrials.com/inkjet will accept your cartridge.
- Start your own fundraiser with assistance from places online such as:
 - www.empties4cash.com
 - www.recycle4charities.com

WHY RECYCLE?

- More than 3 quarts of oil are used to produce each laser cartridge.
- The plastic used in each printer cartridge takes more than 1,000 years to decompose.
- 25 million printer cartridges go to landfills each month.
- Toner cartridge remanufacturing annually saves more than 38,000 tons of plastic and metal from landfills.
- Almost eight cartridges are thrown away each second in the U.S. alone.



*Please do your part
to save the earth.*

