
THE GREEN TEAM RECYCLING PROGRAM

We care about our Environment. That is why we are taking the necessary steps to promote environmental responsibility. Educating our customers and making it easy to return your empty cores, is the first step.

When the toner or ink runs out in your cartridge, please send them back to us. We provide all the necessary steps and tools to make this process easy for you. Just by e-mailing us, we can arrange to pick up the empty cartridges for your industry.

All virgin cores that can be reused will be. If a cartridge is returned to us that we do not build, they are often sent on to industry partners that can use it. Cores that come back to us that are not virgins or broken are harvested for parts or are recycled as separate components. To keep recycling costs to a minimum, we supply other partners with used drums and mag sleeves that will be used in their production lines. Ultimately, all items and parts are recycled through one of our many partner relationships.

A typical toner cartridge weighs about three pounds. When broken down by material content, the average cartridge consists of 40% plastic, 40% metal and small amounts of foam, rubber, and toner. 97% of all these components are recyclable. Per year, that equates to approximately 120 million pounds of recyclable material that can be diverted from landfills, if only recycling programs are utilized.

Facts

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• It takes nearly a gallon (3-1/2 quarts) of oil to produce a new laser printer cartridge, and 2-1/2 ounces of oil to manufacture each new inkjet cartridge• In the United States, printer cartridges are thrown away at a rate of eight per second and this is expected to increase by 12% annually.• More than 350 million printer cartridges go into North American landfills every year. The total weight of cartridges thrown away each year in this country is equivalent to 67,612 Ford Explorers or 112,463 Volkswagen Beetles• In a single year, the world's discarded cartridges stacked end-to-end would circle the earth three times | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Most printer cartridges contain mixed resin plastics, the most difficult type of plastic to recycle• Toner residue can seldom be completely separated from the cartridge's plastic, thus contaminating the plastic and making it even less likely to be recycled• A laser printer cartridge thrown into a landfill can take up to 450 years to decompose (while components made of industrial-grade plastic will take over a thousand years)• Reusing printer cartridges saves energy and the natural resources used to produce power while reducing greenhouse gases• Every reused cartridge saves nearly 3.5 pounds of solid waste from being deposited into landfills |
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By utilizing our recycling program, your organization will be sending an important message to others about your focus on the environment and other global concerns.

We believe that our environment is a gift, and protecting it is our responsibility, not only as an industry, but as people. We take recycling very seriously and are always working on ways to improve our position on "being green". You can make a difference.