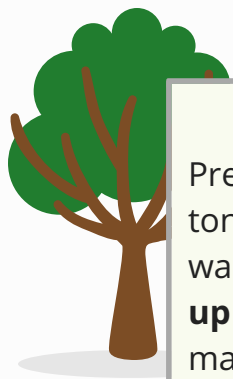




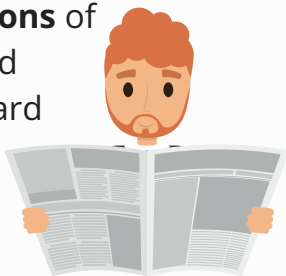
# FAST FACTS

## About Our Waste Habits and Recycling



Preventing 1 ton of paper waste **saves up to 17** mature trees.

Americans use about **69 million tons** of paper and paperboard every year.



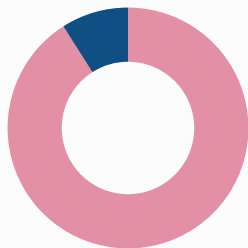
Each person in the United States produces **more than 4lbs of garbage** every single day!



It takes about **450 years** for a plastic bottle to break down in a landfill, and glass bottles take nearly 1 million years!



In 2012, the U.S. produced **32 million tons** of plastic.



**Only 9%** was recovered for recycling.

The energy saved by recycling just **1 plastic bottle** can power a computer for 25 minutes.



About **8 million metric tons** of plastic goes into the ocean each year.

Almost **97% of the world's water is salty** or otherwise undrinkable. Another 2% is locked in icecaps and glaciers. **Only 1% can be used** for manufacturing, farming & agriculture, and personal needs.

**Every square mile** of oceans contains more than **46,000 pieces** of floating plastic.

