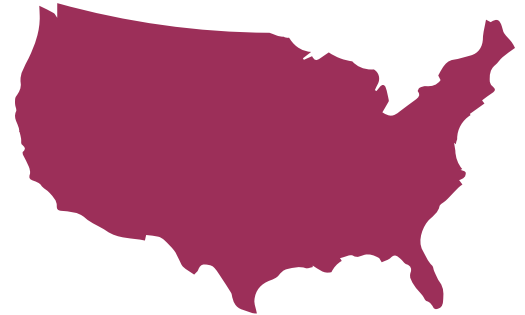


# Reuse

The act of using a product again to lengthen its lifespan, whether for its original use or to fulfill a different purpose

Approximately 262 Million tons of  
Municipal Solid Waste is Generated  
Annually in the U.S.

That's 4.48 Pounds per Person per Day



Source: U.S. EPA MSW Report (2015)

## WHY REUSE?

➔ Reuse keeps items and materials out of the waste stream

Approximately 60% of textiles are landfilled each year. This is clothing that could be donated.

➔ Reuse reduces the strain on valuable natural resources

Twelve trees are used to produce one ton of newspaper and twenty-four trees are used to produce one ton of printing/office paper.

➔ Reuse saves energy and creates less pollution

An energy equivalency of more than 32 million barrels of oil were used to produce the 33 billion liters of bottled water that were consumed in the U.S. in one year

Sources: U.S. EPA SMM Report, Pacific Institute: Energy Implications of Bottled Water, Dartmouth College: Forest and Paper Industry Facts

## TIPS FOR REUSE



Rent tools and equipment or borrow them from your friends, share your own items in return



Take advantage of second hand stores, shop there yourself or donate your own items



Find unique ways to reuse plastic bags, try using them as liners for your waste



Rather than sending all of your paper to the recycling bin, use it as gift wrap or packaging material



Choose household items that are more durable for reuse such as glass containers rather than plastic containers

